

1 STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT

2 COUNTY OF RAMSEY SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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4 The State of Minnesota,

5 by Hubert H. Humphrey, III,

6 its attorney general,

7 and

8 Blue Cross and Blue Shield

9 of Minnesota,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 vs. File No. C1-94-8565

12 Philip Morris Incorporated, R.J.

13 Reynolds Tobacco Company, Brown

14 & Williamson Tobacco Corporation,

15 B.A.T. Industries P.L.C., Lorillard

16 Tobacco Company, The American

17 Tobacco Company, Liggett Group, Inc.,

18 The Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A.,

19 Inc., and The Tobacco Institute, Inc.,

20 Defendants.

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22 DEPOSITION OF ZALMAN AMIT, Ph.D.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Witness previously sworn.)

3 ZALMAN AMIT, Ph.D.,

4 having been called as a witness and having been

5 previously duly sworn, testified under oath as

6 follows:

7 MR. SILBERFELD: You wanted to put

8 something on the record?

9 MR. NIMS: Yes, Dr. Amit believes that he
10 needs to add something to yesterday's testimony that
11 he recalled last night in order to make his testimony
12 accurate.

13 CONTINUED EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

15 Q. What is that, Doctor?

16 A. That in our conversation about -- in the
17 discussion about the number of people that served as
18 the basis for the book I forgot a group that I didn't
19 mention because I forgot and that's a group of
20 subjects that served as an experimental group in a
21 Master's thesis of one of our students, actually E.
22 A. Sutherland's student, and I, with the passage of
23 time and all this, forgot about it.

24 Q. How many patients was that?

25 A. I don't know. I don't remember.

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- 1 Q. Give me your best estimate.
- 2 A. I can't. I mean I don't know. I don't
- 3 remember.
- 4 Q. Was it ten? Was it a hundred?
- 5 A. No, no, it was more than ten.
- 6 Q. Was it a hundred?
- 7 A. I can't testify to that. It could be a
- 8 hundred. But I -- I'm not prepared to say.
- 9 Q. Give me the best range that you can.
- 10 A. The best range would be between 50 and a
- 11 hundred.
- 12 Q. So if we had roughly a hundred patients as a
- 13 result of yesterday's testimony what we're adding now
- 14 is perhaps 50 or a hundred patients?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So that the total number of people that were
- 17 seen either in the clinic or in the individual
- 18 sessions as a result of the graduate student's thesis
- 19 work or anybody was clearly no more than two hundred
- 20 total; true?
- 21 A. That appears to be the case.
- 22 Q. And using -- well withdraw that.
- 23 Would it be fair to use the same success
- 24 percentage, for lack of a better term, that we used
- 25 yesterday, approximately 10 percent that we had for

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1 the hundred patients yesterday, and apply that to the
2 200 patients?

3 A. I believe that's fair.

4 Q. So that if we revise all the testimony yesterday
5 about the numbers in the book and -- and so forth,
6 now your testimony would be that approximately no
7 more than 200 patients were seen all told; true?

8 A. Yes, that's --

9 Q. And --

10 A. -- that's what I believe it is.

11 Q. And that approximately 20 of those had success
12 with the program?

13 MR. NIMS: Objection.

14 A. No, I mean we've talked about the definition of
15 success. I would say that about 10 percent of them
16 to the best of my recollection --

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. -- have quit. The number of people that reduced
19 their intake, which at the time we considered to be a
20 success, was larger than that.

21 Q. What was --

22 A. As I mentioned to you -- as I mentioned to you,
23 there was a large -- you know, a group -- we've
24 looked at the effects of this manipulation of this
25 treatment or procedure in two ways; the number of

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1 people that quit, --

2 Q. Uh-huh.

3 A. -- and the number of people that -- that
4 reduced, significantly reduced the amount of
5 cigarettes.

6 Q. What was that percentage?

7 A. Approximately about 60, 65 percent.

8 Q. Okay. Let's use 65 percent. So that of the 200
9 patients approximately 135 of them, if my math is
10 right -- is that right?

11 A. Since I don't remember the exact numbers
12 anyhow --

13 Q. Well --

14 A. -- it doesn't matter.

15 Q. Yeah. 65 percent of 200 I think is 130.

16 MR. McDONNELL: It is.

17 MR. SILBERFELD: Thank you very much.

18 Q. Approximately 130 patients reduced their
19 smoking.

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. And just to be clear again, all these people
22 were followed for 90 days?

23 A. I cannot tell you that the people in the study,
24 the Master's thesis of the student, were followed for
25 90 days simply because I don't remember.

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1 Q. What is your impression, that they were followed
2 more or less?

3 A. If -- in all likelihood -- again, I do not
4 remember, but in all likelihood it's less.

5 Q. In that 1975-76, that time frame, was there a
6 protocol with respect to smoking cessation programs
7 as to how long patients should be followed to see if
8 there's relapse?

9 A. A universally-accepted protocol?

10 Q. No.

11 A. Not to my knowledge.

12 Q. Were you aware of any protocol?

13 A. No, and I'm not aware now in retrospect of any
14 protocol, so I can't tell you -- there could have
15 been some, but at this point I don't remember whether
16 in 75, 76 there was a -- a protocol that was -- had
17 some level or general level of acceptance. I can't
18 -- I can't -- I don't recall that.

19 Q. You are aware; are you not, at the present, that
20 the one-year follow-up seems to be a time frame that
21 is regularly and routinely used in the follow-up of
22 smoking patients who try to quit?

23 A. I am aware of a very large range and -- in
24 follow-ups. Yes, I've seen some studies where a year
25 has been used, I've seen some studies where three

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1 months has been used, six months has been used, and I
2 believe, I couldn't quote you the actual study, but I
3 believe I've seen studies where two years has been
4 used, so I think it's more accurate to say there has
5 been a wide range of follow-up periods that have been
6 used up to the present.

7 Q. All right. Who was the graduate student that
8 did this work?

9 A. Zeve Roseberger.

10 Q. Is that the same Roseberger --

11 A. The same Roseberger that was the author of this
12 paper that was published in Clinical and Consulting
13 Psychology. We give our students credit.

14 Q. Sorry?

15 A. We give our students credit.

16 Q. And was Roseberger's study published anywhere
17 individually?

18 A. No, it was -- it was submitted as a thesis, a
19 Master's thesis in defense of his thesis and was
20 accepted, he got his Master's degree, and I don't
21 believe that it was ever published.

22 Q. Where is Roseberger now?

23 A. No idea. That's 20 odd -- 20 odd years ago. I
24 know that right after his -- right after his
25 graduation he worked in the Jewish General Hospital

1 in Montreal, but that's about all I can tell you.

2 Q. And do you know if he went on to get his Ph.D.?

3 A. I don't know that.

4 Q. Uh-huh. He left your program after the

5 Master's?

6 A. Yeah, he was not directly my student, he was

7 part of the group, was supervised by E. A. Sutherland

8 who was my partner at the clinic and is today my

9 wife, but that's all I can say. I don't remember

10 whether he got his degree. It's very possible. I --

11 I simply don't remember.

12 Q. How is it that you remembered his population of

13 students?

14 A. From a conversation with my wife last night.

15 Q. Tell me about the conversation.

16 A. I called her, as I usually do.

17 Q. Other than the pleasantries.

18 A. Well, yeah. I -- she asked me how things went

19 here, and I said that I thought things went

20 reasonably well with the exception of one issue

21 concerning the numbers that were in the jacket of the

22 book, and she said, "What's the problem with that?"

23 And I said, "I recalled that we based these things on

24 the study and on the people that were referred to the

25 clinic and that doesn't amount to \$300" -- "to 300

1 people." I was going to say \$300. To 300 people.

2 And she said, "Yeah, but you forgot Zeve's thesis."

3 And I recalled Zeve's thesis. That's without the

4 pleasantries and whatever, the essence of the

5 conversation.

6 Q. Including Zeve's thesis, the numbers still don't

7 total 300, do they?

8 A. To the best of my knowledge they do not total --

9 they still do not total 300.

10 Q. Not even close?

11 MR. NIMS: Objection.

12 A. Close is in the eyes of the beholder, but they

13 don't total.

14 Q. How about in your eyes? How about in your eyes,

15 are they close?

16 A. There is a significant discrepancy between the

17 number, but you see, I gave you a very rough estimate

18 because I don't know exactly how many people were in

19 that thesis so there is a certain level of discomfort

20 about that. I am only prepared to say that there is

21 a significant discrepancy between the numbers as they

22 stand now with the correction and the numbers that

23 appear on the -- on the jacket of the book.

24 Q. The 1975 paper was a paper that included 53

25 volunteer smokers; right?

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- 1 A. Let me read it.
- 2 (Witness reviewing document.)
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And of the 53 patients, two of -- two groups
- 5 were created of controls?
- 6 A. That's correct.
- 7 Q. How many patients were in the two control
- 8 groups?
- 9 A. Probably about half.
- 10 Q. So that the study group would have been
- 11 approximately half of 53?
- 12 A. Approximately half of 53, that's correct.
- 13 Q. And so the -- the results of the various methods
- 14 used to try to affect the patients' smoking behavior
- 15 would really only count as the half that were
- 16 studied, not the half that were controls; true?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. Of the groups that were run at The New Clinic --
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. -- after the publication of the 75 paper --
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. -- what's the largest number in any group that
- 23 you can recall?
- 24 A. I don't recall.
- 25 Q. You have no idea at all?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. The group that appeared to have done the best
- 3 was the group that had what method of treatment
- 4 applied to them?
- 5 A. I will have to look at the paper.
- 6 Q. It's in the lower right I think.
- 7 (Witness reviewing document.)
- 8 A. It's the combination of satiation and
- 9 relaxation.
- 10 Q. And that group actually demonstrated an 85
- 11 percent reduction in consumption?
- 12 A. I will have to look at the paper again.
- 13 (Witness reviewing document.)
- 14 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. The group that was treated with satiation
- 17 smoking only --
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. -- had a 30 percent drop in smoking consumption,
- 20 just assume that that's true, and then after three
- 21 months they were at 102 percent of their prior
- 22 smoking consumption, cigarette consumption; right?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- 24 Q. What is the explanation for that?
- 25 A. The explanation is that we did not --

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1 theoretically did not introduce in that group an
2 incompatible behavior once the behavior was
3 suppressed. I've explained yesterday that the theory
4 involved two components; to suppress the behavior to
5 be changed and to introduce in its stead another
6 behavior that is incompatible with it. We, as I
7 mentioned again yesterday, considered the relaxation
8 as that incompatible behavior. The group that had
9 only satiation showed the expected drop or that they
10 -- since there wasn't any -- any relax -- relax --
11 incompatible behavior that was introduced in place of
12 that suppressed behavior, presumably because of that
13 they have then rapidly re -- recovered their previous
14 behavior.

15 Q. Why did they go to a level of smoking, this
16 satiation group, higher than they had been before?

17 A. Statistically 102 and 100 are the same. There
18 is no significant difference between 102 and 100.
19 The standard deviation here is going to be bigger
20 than that. Sorry, the standard error is going to be
21 bigger than that.

22 Q. Did you calculate the standard error?

23 A. I'm sure we calculated the standard error, you
24 can't do statistics without calculating the standard
25 error, but I can't tell you what -- you know, I can't

1 tell you what it was.

2 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)

3 Q. Okay. We'll get back to the paper in a little
4 while.

5 Let me ask you to look at your report, if you
6 would, and let's finish our conversation about it.

7 In fact I don't believe we've marked it. Let me mark
8 it as next in order.

9 Is that 659?

10 COURT REPORTER: Yes it is.

11 MR. SILBERFELD: Doctor, let me just have
12 that for a moment, if I may.

13 Can I keep this on there?

14 MR. NIMS: Doesn't matter to me.

15 MR. SILBERFELD: We know we're on page 1.

16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 659 referenced for
17 identification.)

18 Q. Doctor, if you would turn to page 3. At page 3
19 near the top of the page you're describing your views
20 regarding the reemergence of the term "addiction",
21 which really begins on the prior page, but at this
22 point you say, "...the unfortunate nature of this
23 development," referring to the reemergence of the use
24 of the term "addiction", "is not derived exclusively
25 from the unwarranted usage of this pejorative term in

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1 scientific parlance." And here's what I want to
2 focus on: "The reemergence of the term addiction, by
3 its very nature, necessitated the reappearance of the
4 concept of physical dependence and withdrawal
5 symptoms as critical components in defining addiction
6 or diagnosing an individual as an addict." Do you
7 see that?

8 A. I see that.

9 Q. Do you agree with the statement that a substance
10 that produces physical dependence and withdrawal
11 symptoms defines addiction?

12 A. I agree that the person that exhibits, upon the
13 cessation of the administration of a drug or chemical
14 compound, withdrawal symptoms, which are the -- the
15 cornerstone component in defining physical
16 dependence, was defined by certain people over
17 certain periods as the primary definition of
18 addiction. That is not to testify whether that is a
19 correct procedure, a correct thing to do or not, but
20 that was a his -- this is a historical fact, yes.

21 Q. As a matter of present-day knowledge and
22 understanding --

23 A. Yeah.

24 Q. -- do you believe that a person who has a
25 physical dependence on a substance or a drug that is

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1 characterized by not only the physical dependence but
2 by withdrawal symptoms as well may be considered an
3 addict?

4 A. No, I don't think that that adds to our -- there
5 isn't any set of circumstances that in my opinion
6 will justify the use -- the use of the term
7 "addiction". It is a non-scientific term, it
8 doesn't add anything to the understanding of the
9 phenomenon, and therefore no circumstances will
10 justify in my opinion the use of the term
11 "addiction". The -- it is correct that some people
12 across the history of this field have used "physical
13 dependence" -- and by the way, there isn't physical
14 dependence and withdrawal symptoms, withdrawal
15 symptoms -- without withdrawal symptoms there's no
16 physical dependence --

17 Q. All right.

18 A. -- so it's one and the same -- used that as the
19 definition of what they called addiction.

20 Q. So your view in 1997 is that the term
21 "addiction" should not be used in science or
22 medicine at all?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. That's fine for People magazine but it's not
25 fine for science or medicine, true?

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1 A. I don't know what People's magazine, I won't
2 speak for them, but it shouldn't be used in science
3 and medicine.

4 Q. Okay. To describe any state?

5 A. That is correct.

6 Q. Okay. What is the basis of your statement that
7 nicotine in cigarettes does not produce a physical
8 dependence?

9 A. The descriptions of -- of the reactions of
10 people who have been long-term smokers and who have
11 quit smoking appears in many -- in many publications,
12 and it is actually described in -- to some agree in
13 the DSM, and I believe that that set of symptoms that
14 has been seen by people that observed smokers that
15 ceased smoking is very different than the set of
16 symptoms that we see in classically physically --
17 withdrawal-producing drugs, and they are not any
18 different than symptoms that we see in gamblers that
19 have stopped gambling or people who have been -- had
20 to make abrupt changes in their diet, and therefore
21 to me this is not withdrawal symptoms in the correct
22 sense of the word.

23 Q. The correct sense of the word as you see it is
24 that withdrawal symptoms have to be accompanied by
25 physical signs or symptoms of withdrawal rather than

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1 psychological ones; true?

2 A. Primarily physical, yes, and without that the --
3 the -- the -- the assignment of the term "withdrawal
4 symptoms" to them is questionable.

5 Q. You say "primarily". Is there any physical
6 component --

7 A. Oh, yeah. I'm sorry -- I did not -- I
8 interrupted you.

9 Q. That's all right. Is there -- let me start all
10 over.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Is it your view that the withdrawal symptoms
13 associated with smoking, to the extent there are any,
14 are psychological, not physical?

15 A. The symptoms that people -- that some people,
16 not all, some people exhibit when they cease smoking
17 are all related to their emotional status and in this
18 -- in this case therefore they will qualify as what
19 we call psychological in nature. They're not
20 physical, no.

21 Q. Are there any physical symptoms from the
22 cessation of smoking --

23 A. There has been some reports -- I'm sorry.

24 Q. Go ahead.

25 A. No, that's not fair, I interrupted you again.

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1 Q. That's all right.

2 A. Bad manners.

3 Q. Are there any physical symptoms of the cessation
4 of smoking that you're aware of that you ascribe to
5 that are described in the literature?

6 A. The only one that I have seen mentioned more
7 than once is changes in pulse rate.

8 Q. And what does that suggest to you in terms of
9 the effect of cigarettes on the smoker?

10 A. It does -- unfortunately to me it doesn't
11 suggest anything because changes in pulse rate are
12 observed with stress, with nervousness, with any --
13 unrelated to -- to the intake or lack thereof of
14 chemical substances or anything like that, so this is
15 a very general reaction to an emotional state;
16 therefore no, it doesn't mean anything to me by
17 itself.

18 Q. You would regard that as a nonspecific finding?

19 A. Very correct.

20 Q. All right. Are you aware of any other physical
21 symptoms of withdrawal described in the literature
22 related to smoking?

23 A. No, not what I would consider physical symptoms,
24 no.

25 Q. Which DSM version were you thinking of when you

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1 said that the DSM describes certain sets of symptoms?

2 A. DSM IV.

3 Q. And you regard the symptoms described in DSM IV
4 as completely psychological with the possible
5 exception of a change in pulse?

6 A. Yes. Even, as I tried to explain and try not to
7 -- to contradict, you know, my own position, I
8 really don't -- as I said, I don't really consider
9 changes in pulse rate a physical symptom as such, but
10 it is something that we can physically measure, and a
11 change in body status is physically measured so we
12 have to -- I have to include it. No, other than that
13 I am not aware of any. As again I mentioned before
14 and I want to mention again here, that even though
15 that symptom, like any of the other symptoms that
16 have been ascribed to nicotine cessation --

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. -- or smoking cessation, are seen only in a
19 percentage of the people and it varies from one study
20 to another, but I do not believe that there is any
21 study that says that that was experienced by all the
22 people that have ceased smoking.

23 Q. Well in order for the phenomenon of withdrawal
24 and physical dependence to be true about a substance
25 does it have to be true in every single user?

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- 1 A. In opiates it is true in just about -- somebody
2 will show me one single individual that didn't show
3 that I will not eat my hat, but -- but the -- in
4 opiates it is true about just about everybody that
5 have taken opiates on an ongoing basis for -- for a
6 period of time. With barbiturates it's absolutely
7 true, again just about with the same proviso about
8 one here and there, the same thing. In alcohol it is
9 less than that. In --
- 10 Q. It's less than all?
- 11 A. Less than what we see in barbiturates and
12 opiates, therefore less than all, but still much
13 higher than at least figures that I've seen for the
14 percentage of people that exhibit significant
15 DSM-like let's call it withdrawal symptoms.
- 16 Q. From smoking?
- 17 A. From smoking.
- 18 Q. What are those figures that you have seen?
- 19 A. I've seen figures 28 percent I remember one
20 study, around a third. Around a third of the
21 population.
- 22 Q. Let's just use that as a bench mark for a
23 moment.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. In the -- in the opiates and in the barbiturates

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1 I take it that the withdrawal symptoms and physical
2 dependence phenomena are present more than 90
3 percent?

4 A. More than 90 percent.

5 Q. And what about alcohol?

6 A. I would say in -- it's more complicated with
7 alcohol because of the very -- variable nature of the
8 usage of alcohol compared to these other drugs. But
9 I would say that for people that have been drinking
10 above the oxidative capacity of the body for long
11 periods of time, meaning for -- for several years,
12 the percentage of withdrawal will be somewhere in the
13 neighborhood of 70 percent.

14 Q. Define physical dependence as you use the term
15 on page 3 of your report.

16 A. Are you referring to the statement "The
17 reemergence of the term addiction, by its very
18 nature, necessitated the reappearance of the concept
19 of physical dependence and withdrawal symptoms as
20 critical components in defining addiction or
21 diagnosing an individual as an addict" --

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. -- in that statement?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. Physical dependence as far as I'm concerned is

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1 defined by -- has been defined in the literature by
2 two components; the emergence of withdrawal symptoms,
3 a set of repeatable, reproducible, predictable set of
4 symptoms, and the emergence of the disappearance of
5 -- I'm sorry -- and the development of tolerance.

6 That -- these are the two classical sets of symptoms
7 or sets of phenomena that have been used as the
8 building stones in defining physical dependence.

9 Q. Is repeated and compulsive use of a substance a
10 factor in your definition of physical dependence?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Why not?

13 A. Because it has nothing to do with physical
14 dependence. It has nothing to do with the -- with
15 the physical nature of the -- of the phenomenon. I
16 mean the definition of that by -- in the literature
17 never includes repeated and compulsive use, there was
18 always the definition of psychological dependence, or
19 psychic dependence as it was called.

20 Q. Uh-huh. Does repeated or compulsive behavior
21 leading to use of on substance play a role at all in
22 determining whether an individual is either dependent
23 on the substance or addicted to it?

24 A. I will not answer or addicted to it, but it does
25 play a role in -- in determining whether the person

1 is dependent on a substance.

2 Q. Okay. That's what my question was.

3 So have you looked at -- In your three years
4 since you met Mr. Nims, following the literature
5 about cigarettes and smoking and smoking behavior and
6 nicotine, I take it you've looked at literature
7 throughout on that -- on that subject and --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- you've collected about 100 papers about that,
10 they're all back in Montreal?

11 A. It's all back in Montreal. I came as clean as
12 the driven snow.

13 Q. With a nice tie.

14 A. Thank you.

15 Q. Have you looked at any studies that describe the
16 percentages of people who regularly and compulsively
17 use cigarettes and their patterns of use?

18 A. Can you elaborate on that?

19 Q. Sure. Are you aware of any statistics that
20 describe the patterns of use of cigarettes by smokers
21 in the United States?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the work of the
24 Centers for Disease Control?

25 A. Some.

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1 Q. In 1991 and 1990 -- 1987 and so forth?

2 A. Somewhat. I will not quote from it because I
3 don't remember it sort of from on the top of my head,
4 but I'm aware of some of the work that they have
5 done, yes.

6 Q. Would you agree with the finding that 87 percent
7 of people who smoke cigarettes smoke every day?

8 A. I will not fight with that, no. I mean I would
9 -- I would agree. Whether it's 87 or 80 or 88 I
10 can't say, but that -- but I would not argue with
11 that number.

12 Q. You're satisfied that the number of people who
13 smoke cigarettes who smoked every day is somewhere in
14 the 80 percent range?

15 A. It's very high, yes.

16 Q. Do you agree with the statistic that nearly
17 two-thirds of smokers have their first cigarettes
18 within the first half hour after they wake up?

19 A. No, I don't have any independent knowledge of
20 that. Okay. I don't -- in other words, I don't
21 recall a study that says that and established that,
22 but I'm not going to argue about that; in other
23 words, it's possible.

24 Q. You haven't seen any such references in the
25 literature?

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1 A. I can't even tell you I haven't seen, right now.

2 Q. You -- you just don't remember as you sit here?

3 A. Yeah, as I sit here now I don't remember, the
4 same way as you said. Even though I can't quote the
5 80 something number, that is something that certainly
6 -- I mean that kind of percentage is something that
7 I've seen, it's possible, but I can't -- I can't
8 testify to that.

9 Q. Do those two factors, that roughly 80 to 90
10 percent of people who smoke smoke every day on the
11 one hand, and nearly two-thirds of people who smoke
12 have a cigarette within 30 minutes of waking up in
13 the morning, do those two factors suggest to you that
14 people are dependent upon cigarettes, either
15 physically or psychologically?

16 A. The first -- the first number is much more
17 meaningful to me, I --

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. And yes, it would -- it would load on the
20 dimension of dependence.

21 Q. Tell me why.

22 A. Because, as I mentioned yesterday in our
23 conversation, the definition of dependence to me is
24 on a continuum that is driven by the reinforcing
25 properties of the substance that people take. The

1 definition of reinforcement is that with every
2 incident or event of intake there is an increase both
3 in the probability and the frequency of -- of the
4 next event occurring; therefore, when I see a person
5 that fulfills that criteria by regularly continuing
6 to take it, I have to concede that that person
7 observed, that that person fills this criteria, my
8 criteria of dependence, so therefore a person that
9 smokes every day, presumably smokes several
10 cigarettes every day, fulfills that criteria.

11 Q. You're aware in a general sense; are you not,
12 Dr. Amit, that people continue to smoke
13 notwithstanding efforts to quit? They try to quit,
14 they fail, they continue to smoke; right?

15 A. Some, yes.

16 Q. Well the vast majority?

17 A. No.

18 Q. No?

19 A. No. There are today to my knowledge more people
20 that quit -- in North America more people alive that
21 quit than people that smoke. That would belie that
22 argument.

23 Q. Some people quit because they die?

24 A. I said alive.

25 Q. Some people quit because they die, --

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1 MR. NIMS: Objection.

2 Q. -- right?

3 A. I don't understand it. I mean some people die,
4 and all behavior ceases; they stop eating, they stop
5 smoking. I don't think we need to define that. But
6 the statement that I made I think is -- is a fair
7 statement, that there are today alive more people
8 that quit than people that smoke. That is in my
9 opinion not in line with the suggestion that the vast
10 majority of the people continue to smoke despite
11 efforts to quit.

12 Q. Uh-huh.

13 A. The trend in -- in quitting or the -- the
14 percentage of quitter -- of smokers has been on a
15 decline, I don't think that I am discovering America
16 here, has been on a decline for many, many years, and
17 on a steady decline.

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. These figures to my mind don't support that
20 contention that the vast majority of the people have
21 difficulties. I also mentioned yesterday the fact
22 that the -- the -- the department, the ministry --
23 the American Department of Health in its report,
24 Second Report to Congress, I believe, said that 60
25 percent of the people that try to quit quit on the

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1 first or second attempt. Again, I think that that
2 doesn't support that -- that proposal that you put
3 before me.

4 Q. Do you accept as true the statistic that each
5 year in the United States 15 million people try to
6 quit but less than 3 percent have long-term success?

7 A. On the basis of the information that I have and
8 that I described to you, I -- I doubt very much that
9 -- I doubt these figures.

10 Q. You doubt that they're correct?

11 A. That's correct, yes.

12 Q. I will represent to you that that's from the
13 Centers for Disease Control, the MMWR.

14 A. I understand.

15 Q. What's the basis of your doubt?

16 A. I just -- I think I just explained that. I
17 believe that --

18 Q. Well is it a feel or is it a paper?

19 A. I said -- no, I think that I explained, that
20 when we have numbers like that 60 percent of people
21 that try to quit quit on the first or second attempt,
22 when we have figures that I think are not debateable,
23 and this is that there are in the neighborhood of 50
24 million people that quit cigarette smoking in North
25 America, when we --

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1 Q. Over what period of time?

2 A. Now, today. Today there are about, according to
3 the figures that I have seen, about 50 million people
4 who will classify themselves as smokers who quit
5 smoking and are not smoking any more, and if we add
6 to these two facts that I just described before the
7 fact that the -- that the decline in smoking is
8 significant and is noticeable on any graph where the
9 regression line is significant, no, I don't see how
10 these numbers can be correct.

11 Q. In terms of physical dependence does persistent
12 use of a substance in the phase of knowledge about
13 health effects of using that substance play a role in
14 your mind in defining what physical dependence is?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Why not?

17 A. Because once again, it doesn't fall within the
18 def -- the accepted definition that is based solely
19 on the emergence of withdrawal symptoms and
20 tolerance. It is a factor in dependence, but not in
21 physical dependence.

22 Q. Okay. What role does it play in dependence;
23 that is, that the person continues to use the
24 substance despite knowledge or notice or some
25 information about harmful consequences?

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1 A. Both the World Health Organization and I believe
2 also the DSM and -- have stated that one of the con
3 -- the criteria of psychological dependence is
4 persistent use despite, and I will make a little
5 modification to what you're saying, despite evidence,
6 not knowledge, evidence --

7 Q. Yeah.

8 A. -- of some harm to himself and to his surround.
9 That has been a component of psychological dependence
10 as proposed both by the World Health Organization and
11 by the American Psychiatric Association, so in that
12 sense if we're talking about persistent use, in spite
13 of evidence of harm, that would be a component of
14 what the World Health Organization proposed we call
15 psychological dependence.

16 Q. And you agree with that?

17 A. I agree with that.

18 Q. What is cognitive dissidence?

19 A. The best way that I can describe cognitive
20 dissidence is that a dancer that can't dance says
21 that the floor is crooked.

22 (Laughter.)

23 Q. Or a batter that misses the ball looks at the
24 bat.

25 A. That's right.

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1 Q. Do smokers engage in the mental gymnastics of
2 cognitive dissidence?

3 A. Without any question some smokers, a percent, I
4 can't give you the actual percentage, but to my mind
5 -- this is not a science and it's not a data-driven
6 statement -- it's my impression that smokers, a
7 percentage of smokers get involved in cognitive
8 dissidence, yes.

9 Q. And that's also referred to as rationalization,
10 cognitive dissidence?

11 A. Yeah, it's a component of rationalization.
12 People use rationalization, many, many ways to
13 rationalize all kinds of things, but I would
14 certainly agree that cognitive dissidence can be
15 categorized under rationalization.

16 Q. And denial is another way of describing the same
17 phenomena?

18 A. Denial, now you have to be more specific.
19 Denial of -- of what? Of --

20 Q. Denial of the evidence that the persistent use
21 of a substance may result in harm, as justification
22 for the continued use of the substance?

23 A. If we talk now in general terms, yeah, I think
24 that that's a -- that's a fair statement, yes.

25 Q. Does that apply to cigarette smoking?

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1 A. I'm sure that some cigarette smokers have done
2 that, yes, some.

3 Q. And are cognitive dissidence, rationalization,
4 or denial, to the extent that the definitions of them
5 overlap, a component of dependence as it relates to
6 cigarette smoking?

7 A. I don't know of any statement that I know of
8 that has included that as the definition -- as part
9 of the definition of -- of psychological dependence.

10 Q. Are you familiar with statistics that discuss
11 how many lung cancer patients resume smoking after
12 surgery?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Would 50 percent seem about right to you?

15 A. I will not comment on that. I have no idea.

16 Q. Okay. You have not seen any studies about that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. How about people who have laryngeal cancer and
19 had their larynx removed?

20 A. Same as before, I have no knowledge of that.

21 It's not in my area of competence and I am not going
22 to comment on that.

23 Q. Okay. Let's talk about the second component
24 here on page 3. The first was physical dependence.
25 The second is withdrawal symptoms. I know they're

1 interrelated, --

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. -- but we've divided them magically here today.

4 The --

5 A. I divided them?

6 Q. I did.

7 A. I'm sorry.

8 Q. My prerogative to do that.

9 A. Absolutely.

10 MR. McDONNELL: Aah?

11 Q. Do you agree or disagree with the statement that

12 abstinence from smoking is often accompanied by

13 powerful cravings for cigarettes?

14 A. No, I do not agree. But I do not agree on

15 principle.

16 Q. What does that mean?

17 A. I'm not sure if we know, "we," scientists,

18 behavioral scientists know what we mean when we talk

19 about cravings. I haven't seen a definition that

20 suited me. There is an eminent scientist by the name

21 of Tiffany who says that there is no such things as

22 cravings, I have never seen it, I think that cravings

23 is a mentalistic concept, it's a non-measurable

24 concept, and therefore I do not agree to anything

25 that will include a definition of cravings.

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1 Q. Anyone who uses that term is engaging in
2 non-science as far as you're concerned?

3 A. In circular -- yeah, in circular definitions,
4 yes.

5 Q. So to the extent Dr. Benowitz, whom you know of,
6 --

7 A. I know of, yes.

8 Q. -- to the extent he used that term that would be
9 non-science as far as you're concerned?

10 A. Absolutely.

11 Q. Are you familiar with his 1992 paper on the
12 subject, "Cigarette Smoking and Nicotine Addiction"?

13 A. I believe so. I can't connect. I've seen
14 several papers of Dr. Benowitz. If you will show me
15 the paper, I will be able to tell you.

16 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any comparative studies
17 where smokers compare the effects of nicotine with
18 the effects of other drugs that they also use?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Which studies are you familiar with?

21 A. There's a study by Henningfield plus, I don't
22 remember who are the other people, but there was a
23 study by Henningfield and some others.

24 Q. That's the Abuse Liability and Pharmacodynamic
25 Characteristics paper?

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1 A. If you won't hold me to the exact name, I think
2 so, but I am not honestly sure.

3 Q. And what did Henningfield and his colleagues
4 find?

5 A. They reported that people rated their -- I mean,
6 you know, basically rated their nicotine effects,
7 power, impact, whatever way you want to call it, as
8 high or even higher than opiates and cocaine, I
9 believe, but some of the -- the more classical --
10 classical substances.

11 Q. Uh-huh. And do you agree with their conclusion?

12 A. No. No, I'm not the only one that doesn't agree
13 with that conclusion.

14 Q. The others aren't here so I only get to ask
15 you.

16 A. Yes, but there is a published report by
17 Professor Warburton from -- from England that
18 recalculated their figures and concluded that their
19 -- they misrepresented their data.

20 Q. Okay. So Henningfield was wrong?

21 A. Henningfield was wrong.

22 Q. Warburton was right?

23 A. I believe that Warburton was right, yes. I
24 think that Henningfield was wrong, yes. I think.

25 Q. Do you agree or disagree that nicotine

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1 replacement therapy significantly reduces withdrawal
2 symptoms in smokers who are attempting to quit?

3 A. I'm not aware of that.

4 Q. Are you familiar with any of the literature
5 regarding any of the nicotine replacement medications
6 or products?

7 A. Oh, I'm familiar with some of the literature on
8 nicotine replacement in various products, yes.

9 Q. Have you looked at any NDAs, New Drug
10 Applications, for substances such as Habitrol or
11 Nicotrol?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Prostep?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Nicoderm?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What you're familiar with with respect to
18 nicotine replacement substances, does that include a
19 finding that withdrawal symptoms seem to be reduced
20 in those people that use those medications?

21 A. Since, as should be evident from our
22 conversation before, that I don't believe that --
23 that cessation of smoking produces withdrawal, it's
24 very difficult for me to comment on that.

25 Q. Well I'm not -- I don't ask you to accept it as

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1 true, I'm just asking you whether you are aware that
2 those reports and those documents report that?

3 A. No, I'm not aware of any -- I'm not aware of
4 reports. I'm not saying they don't exist, but I'm
5 not aware of reports that talk about the effects of
6 nicotine replacement on withdrawal symptoms. I am
7 aware of other aspects of -- of nicotine replacement,
8 but not that, no.

9 Q. Let me refer you back to your report.

10 A. Same page.

11 Q. Same page. Actually the same paragraph.

12 A. Uh-huh.

13 Q. You say in the middle of the paragraph,
14 referring to the phenomenon of drug dependence, that
15 "this concept was almost totally lacking in data
16 driven support". Do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What's the basis of that statement, sir?

19 A. I am not aware of any -- no, not any -- I don't
20 -- I'm not aware of any significant, substantial
21 studies that show that physical dependence or
22 withdrawal symptoms are -- play a role; in other
23 words, contribute to the variants of the continued
24 use of drugs.

25 Q. The next paragraph, you continue on with the

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1 same theme by suggesting that since there's no data
2 driven support for physical dependence "these had to
3 be invented". Do you see that phrase?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Who invented these? We're talking about the
6 withdrawal symptoms. Who invented them?

7 A. I think that the group that helped the Surgeon
8 General write his report contributed to that
9 invention. I am not saying that they were the only
10 ones, but they certainly were a conspicuous group
11 that helped the Surgeon General re-invent that
12 concept.

13 Q. And it is an invention, as you see it; that is,
14 a complete and utter fiction; right?

15 A. These are strong words. I will --

16 Q. Well, the invention's your word.

17 A. No, no, the invention, I did not object to the
18 word "invention".

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. It's the pure and utter fiction or something
21 like that.

22 Q. Well is it a pure and utter fiction?

23 A. No, it is not a pure and utter fiction.

24 Withdrawal symptoms occur, okay. Withdrawal symptoms
25 as a result of cessation of the use of certain drugs

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1 occurs. The question is: Does it contribute to the
2 continued use of drugs? I argued that there is no
3 evidence for that. Other people, among them those
4 that participated in the preparation of this
5 document, argued otherwise, and in my opinion without
6 evidence invented -- re-invented a concept that was
7 just about taken out of -- of the literature.

8 Q. This invention was an unfortunate occurrence, as
9 you see it?

10 A. In my opinion, yes.

11 Q. And each and all of the people who are listed as
12 having participated in the preparation of the 88
13 Surgeon General report to one degree or another are
14 responsible for the invention?

15 A. No, I'm not saying that.

16 Q. What are you saying?

17 A. I have no idea what was the net contribution of
18 each and every one to the report, what they did, what
19 they said. I refuse to believe that such a large
20 group of people all participated in every aspect of
21 the report, so I'm not going to cast dispersions on
22 their character or reputation without knowing exactly
23 who was the one that pushed for the reemergence and
24 readoption of physical dependence as a -- as a
25 factor.

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1 Q. Have you yourself participated at any time in
2 study groups or conclaves, if you will, where health
3 professionals get together and try to answer a
4 difficult question in science?

5 A. Yes, many times.

6 Q. And it's true; is it not, that the way such
7 processes evolve is that people with various points
8 of view get together; right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. They talk?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. They submit data to one another?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Perhaps they review one another's writings and
15 papers and so forth?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And then, generally speaking, a consensus
18 emerges; isn't that true?

19 A. No, the last statement is not true. I mean the
20 incidents where there is no consensus despite the
21 sharing of data and the sharing of information and
22 discussions are quite frequent and quite common in
23 science. We call them disagreements, controversies,
24 and they're quite common. The fact that this is one
25 of the venues through which people try to reach a

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1 consensus is quite correct.

2 Q. And in this particular case, in the case of the
3 Surgeon General's report, a consensus was reached?

4 A. If you -- if you ask me to assume that because
5 you're saying it, I will, but I don't have any
6 independent knowledge of whether there was somebody
7 who was an authority and decided, whether there was a
8 majority prevailing over a minority, I have no idea,
9 so I'm not going to -- I'm not going to comment on
10 that. If you're telling me that you know and I will
11 assume that, by all means I will assume that, but I
12 don't know that independently.

13 Q. Well do you have any reason to believe that the
14 process of the work done by the Surgeon General and
15 the consultants who participated in the 88 report was
16 any different than what we just talked about?

17 A. I have no reason to assume that, but as you --
18 as you said before in your initial suggestion to me
19 on the process, you said people come and they shared
20 data. That's a critical component. I am not aware
21 of any data that subserved the decision of the people
22 that prepared this report that -- that subserved
23 their decision to reintroduce physical dependence as
24 a component of what they called addiction, so as far
25 as I'm concerned they made two mistakes: they have

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1 reintroduced the term "addiction" unjustifiably,
2 unjustifiably in the sense that there wasn't any data
3 to show why we have to now back -- recede back from
4 dependence back into addiction, and why we have to re
5 -- reintroduce physical dependence into our
6 concepts, so I don't know -- if -- I don't know of
7 that data. If they would have -- if they would have
8 shown data on that, I would have -- data that would
9 have convinced me, significant data, I would have
10 then had to at least concede that physical dependence
11 has to be reintroduced. That would still not say
12 anything about addiction.

13 Q. From what you understand about the 88 Surgeon
14 General report and the process leading to its
15 issuance, do you believe that people of differing
16 points of view participated in the work that resulted
17 in the issuance of the report?

18 A. I am sure that there were -- I mean it's a large
19 group of people there, so I'm sure that there was
20 some difference of opinion, but I'm not sure -- I'm
21 not sure, I'm not saying it definitively, that people
22 that represent the kind of views that I uphold were
23 represented there.

24 Q. You don't know if they were or you believe --

25 A. I don't --

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- 1 Q. -- they weren't?
- 2 A. No, I do not. I'm not aware of it, no.
- 3 Q. You yourself I know did not participate.
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Name for me somebody who shares your point of
- 6 view.
- 7 A. David Warburton shares my point of view.
- 8 Q. Anybody else?
- 9 A. Michael Bozarth shares my point of view.
- 10 Q. How about Paul Clark?
- 11 A. No, no, Paul Clark did not share my point of
- 12 view at all.
- 13 Q. Who else? How about Dr. Jarvik?
- 14 A. Does not share my point of view.
- 15 Q. Who does?
- 16 A. Well I already --
- 17 Q. Warburton, we talked about that.
- 18 A. Warburton, Bozarth. To some degree Eysenck.
- 19 Q. How do you spell that?
- 20 A. Hans Eysenck. A -- E-y-s-e-n-c-k.
- 21 Q. Uh-huh. Go ahead.
- 22 A. I was going to say something, perhaps
- 23 unwarranted. There are many people that share my
- 24 point of view, but not in public.
- 25 Q. Is the Warburton you talked about David M.

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1 Warburton?

2 A. I believe so, yes.

3 Q. Professor of the Department of Psychology,
4 University of Reading?

5 A. Reading, yeah.

6 Q. White Knights --

7 (Reporter interruption.)

8 Q. White Knights, K-n-i-g-h-t-s.

9 MR. McDONNELL: That's us.

10 Q. United Kingdom.

11 A. Yeah, that seems to be the man.

12 MR. SILBERFELD: That was good.

13 Q. Let me show you the acknowledgments listing the
14 people who participated in the 88 Surgeon General's
15 Report. Do you see Dr. Warburton's name there?

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. I don't know if I asked you this previously, if
18 I did I apologize for asking it again: Have you read
19 this document?

20 A. The whole document, no.

21 Q. That's the 88 Surgeon General's Report.

22 A. No, no, I have not read the whole document.
23 It's beyond my capacity.

24 Q. I doubt that.

25 In any event, the -- the invention of the

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1 physical withdrawal symptoms occurred in part by
2 these people who participated in the 88 Surgeon
3 General's Report; right?
4 A. By some of these people. I -- again, I have no
5 knowledge, as I said, of their -- of their
6 participation, of their -- their relative
7 contributions, but certainly some of the people there
8 participated in that re -- what I consider to be a
9 re-invention, yes.

10 Q. Turn over to the next page of your report; it's
11 page 4, please. Near the end of the first paragraph
12 there you say, "Furthermore, cigarette usage and its
13 cessation does not result in clearly observable signs
14 of intoxication that interfere in the functioning of
15 the individual in any way different than, for
16 example, symptoms observed in gamblers who were
17 deprived of their habit."

18 A. That's correct, yes, I agree with that.

19 Q. Is intoxication today, 1997, a required finding
20 as far as you're concerned?

21 A. For what purpose?

22 Q. For the purpose you use it here, dependence and
23 withdrawal?

24 A. Oh, sure. Sure. I don't believe that you can
25 have withdrawal in a drug that doesn't produce

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1 intoxication.

2 Q. So at the use-of-the-drug stage there has to be
3 an intoxicating effect because it is only that that
4 will bring about --

5 A. I believe so, yes.

6 Q. -- it is only that that will bring about
7 withdrawal; right?

8 A. That is a necessary component in the set of
9 influences that bring about withdrawal, that's
10 correct.

11 Q. Are you aware of any studies that describe
12 intoxicating effects, euphoric effects, pleasurable,
13 rewarding effects by cigarettes in cigarette smokers?

14 MR. NIMS: Objection.

15 A. Do I continue?

16 Q. Please.

17 MR. NIMS: Sure.

18 A. I'm not aware of any reports about euphoric
19 effects of cigarettes, I'm not aware of any reports
20 of intoxication with cigarettes, you've asked -- is
21 that -- I mean is that --

22 Q. Rewarding effects, any reports of --

23 A. No, no, rewarding effects and euphoric effects
24 and intoxicating effects are two different terms.

25 Rewarding you will need to -- if you are using

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- 1 rewarding as synonymous with pleasurable, --
- 2 Q. Yes.
- 3 A. -- I'm not aware of any observable studies that
- 4 showed pleasurable -- you know, pleasurable effects
- 5 of -- of smoking.
- 6 Q. Near the bottom of that page and then we'll take
- 7 a break, second sentence from the end, beginning with
- 8 the word "Success"; do you see that?
- 9 A. "Success or failure".
- 10 Q. Yes, "Success or failure in this task,"
- 11 referring to quitting, "seems to depend primarily on
- 12 the seriousness of the decision to quit and the
- 13 effort invested in it"; right?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. That is one of the centerpieces of your opinion;
- 16 is it not, about people's efforts to quit or the
- 17 ability to quit?
- 18 A. That's a major -- major component of my view,
- 19 yes.
- 20 Q. And how long have you held that view, sir?
- 21 A. For a long time.
- 22 Q. 20 years?
- 23 A. No, less than 20 years. As you know, around 20
- 24 years ago I had some -- some different views. I
- 25 thought that I developed a -- a system that was

1 effective and so on. But I'm not going to quote a
2 number, but I believe that for -- for a long time.

3 Q. In the Discussion section of the 1975 paper,
4 which I probably ought to mark as well.

5 What's our next number?

6 COURT REPORTER: 660.

7 MR. SILBERFELD: Off the record.

8 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)

9 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 660 referenced for
10 identification.)

11 Q. In the Discussion section, Dr. Amit, read into
12 the record for me, if you would, the -- the area that
13 I've both highlighted and marked in green.

14 A. Here?

15 Q. Yes, sir.

16 A. "Further, data from the control groups
17 demonstrate that the treatment is the effective
18 ingredient in the observed reduction, not the
19 presence or absence of motivation or the simple
20 recording of cigarette consumption. Since all active
21 treatment groups had equal attention and equal
22 'length of treatment,' and since one technique
23 (relaxation/satiation) was demonstrably more
24 effective in reducing the incidence smoking, the
25 possibility of obtained effects are a function of

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1 'attentional' factors can be ruled out."

2 Q. That statement truly is the opposite of your
3 present-day point of view?

4 A. No, we're talking here about -- it's certainly
5 at odds with what I think now, okay, but it's not
6 opposite, it's not opposite, because we are talking
7 here about attentional factors, we're not just
8 talking about a decision, we're not talking about a
9 cognitive process of making a decision to quit, we
10 don't say anything here about the seriousness of
11 making a decision to quit, we did not examine that,
12 we did not have any evidence to do that, so it's --
13 it's at odds with my view today, but it is not by any
14 stretch a diametric opposition to my view.

15 Q. Data from the control groups demonstrate that
16 the -- that the treatment is the effective ingredient
17 in the observed reduction, not the presence or
18 absence of motivation.

19 A. Uh-huh.

20 Q. Right?

21 A. Uh-huh.

22 Q. And that's motivation by the person?

23 A. Uh-huh.

24 Q. Yes?

25 A. Yes, yes, yes.

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1 Q. It's just that uh-huh doesn't mean anything when
2 she writes it down.

3 A. I'm sorry.

4 Q. That's -- I'm not playing a game with you, it's
5 just necessary for the record.

6 A. No, no, no, I'm sorry. I know, I'm fully aware
7 of that.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. It's -- it's by the -- by the people, yes.

10 Q. Let's take a break for a few minutes.

11 A. Sure.

12 (Recess from 9:41 to 9:47 a.m.)

13 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

14 Q. Dr. Amit, turning to page 6 of your report --

15 A. One, two, three, four, five.

16 Q. Here, why don't you write, like I did. From
17 page 6 to the end --

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. -- you cite 10 reasons why cigarette smoking is
20 a very different phenomenon, from almost any
21 perspective, when compared to more traditional
22 dependence-producing substances; is that a fair
23 summary of what that section is?

24 A. I think it's a fair summary of what -- I think
25 it's a fair summary of what I have tried to do here.

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1 Q. The first -- and we've talked about these some
2 over the course of the last day so we won't spend a
3 lot of time on this, but the first point you make is
4 that laboratory rodents do not readily
5 self-administer nicotine when compared to other
6 drugs.

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. Is that fact, if true, related to the second
9 point, which is that in order to get animals to
10 self-administer nicotine they have to be
11 systematically manipulated?

12 A. It's related to that, yes.

13 Q. Okay. Why do you suppose that's true, that they
14 have to be systematically manipulated, the animals?

15 A. Because the only -- I can only surmise. Rats --
16 and I'm not trying to be cute -- rats don't tell us
17 what -- you know, what they -- you know, why they
18 behave the way they behave. We can surmise on the
19 behavior. So the best estimate of why I think that
20 was is that nicotine doesn't have reinforcing
21 properties similar to that that we see in the more
22 classical dependence-producing substances.

23 Q. When self-administration studies are done with
24 respect to nicotine, what is the route of
25 administration that you're aware of?

1 A. Intravenous.

2 Q. Only?

3 A. No, there is a report by Glick, for example, of
4 oral intake. I believe that that covers just about
5 -- that the oral and the intravenous route are
6 covered. There were some early studies to get
7 animals to press for smoke, but that -- you know,
8 that did not work very well, so these -- so I would
9 say that the vast majority of the studies that worked
10 on self-administration used either oral or
11 intravenous route.

12 Q. What does nicotine taste like?

13 A. The report is that it doesn't taste very good,
14 but that's all that I can say, I have never tasted
15 it, and there are some references in some of the
16 studies, particularly Glick's study, that did the
17 oral route that there have been reports on, you know,
18 that -- that taste is aversive, but -- but again,
19 that -- that's a word, I mean it needs definition, it
20 needs clarification, but the word that I have seen in
21 print is that the taste is aversive.

22 Q. Aversive to the animal?

23 A. Oh, yeah, sure.

24 Q. What is condition taste aversion?

25 A. What is condition taste aversion?

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1 Q. Yes.

2 A. Condition taste aversion is a paradigm where you
3 associate in time the presentation of a novel tasting
4 solution to an animal and associated with an
5 injection of a chemical substance. You then wait a
6 little while and present that novel tasting solution
7 again, this time without the injection of a
8 substance, and if you got condition taste aversion
9 that means -- that is reflected in the fact that in
10 the second time the intake of that novel tasting
11 substance will be significantly less than it was in
12 the first time. That is I just again for the sake of
13 accuracy, there are many par -- many combinations of
14 permutations of this paradigm, but this is a
15 description of the bare essentials of this paradigm.

16 Q. You have done a considerable amount of work with
17 regard to CTA, if we could use that acronym?

18 A. First of all, we can, and secondly, I think
19 again without being overly arrogant, I think the
20 answer would be yes.

21 Q. And in the studies that you have done, you have
22 had to; have you not, manipulate the animals in order
23 to get them to participate in the experiment?

24 A. Sure.

25 Q. So the manipulation of the animals in order to

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1 get them to participate in the experiment is not a
2 factor that you would look to as to whether or not
3 the results of an experiment are meaningful or not?
4 A. No, that's not correct. That depends. That
5 strictly depends on the study, on what you're doing.
6 In self-administration if you manipulate the animals
7 so that you make it more advantageous for them to
8 behave the way you want them to behave, I think that
9 that's not legitimate. In a study like -- like a
10 condition taste original CTA, as you said, you have
11 to -- for example, you have to deprive the animal of
12 fluids for a period of time in order to see that.
13 For that paradigm it doesn't -- it doesn't affect the
14 -- the interpretations or the conclusions in any
15 way, in any way, so it depends. The manipulation --
16 No, let me rephrase that. In any study, any
17 laboratory study with animals involves some
18 manipulations. The mere fact that you stick a needle
19 into a rat's vein is a manipulation. So the mere
20 fact that you keep the animal in a cage is a
21 manipulation. So -- but we're talking about
22 specific, as I said, systematic manipulations to --
23 to make them self-administer as opposed to other
24 substances that don't require these manipulations.
25 Q. On page 6 you describe systematically

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1 manipulating animals before any hope of demonstrating
2 even marginal signs of willingness to self-administer
3 nicotine. Is that a method or form of manipulation
4 that you think skews the experiment?

5 A. That's correct.

6 Q. Why?

7 A. Because --

8 Q. And whose work are we talking about as well?

9 A. I'm talking about again primarily the work of
10 Goldberg and his group and Corrigan and his group.

11 Q. Uh-huh. And why is it that this manipulation
12 biases or skews the experiments results and other
13 forms of manipulation do not?

14 A. For -- the simple answer or the short answer to
15 that is it depends strictly on the manipulation. The
16 -- so -- Well, that's my answer.

17 Q. Okay. Turn, if you would, to page 7, paragraph
18 3?

19 A. Now I will. Yes.

20 Q. It's a learned response, you --

21 MR. NIMS: Off the record.

22 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)

23 Q. At paragraph 3, last sentence, you say "It is
24 noteworthy that several major reports in the
25 literature ascribe at best weak, if any, reinforcing

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- 1 properties to nicotine." Which reports is my
2 question?
- 3 A. Goldberg.
- 4 Q. Any others?
- 5 A. Henningfield.
- 6 Q. Any others?
- 7 A. Barrett.
- 8 Q. Any others, that you can think of today?
- 9 A. No, I mean I would stay with that.
- 10 Q. All right. Let me refer you to paragraph 4a.
- 11 A. 4a, yes.
- 12 Q. Why is there a 4a?
- 13 A. Just because I wrote it and then said, "Oh." As
14 I -- as of this I had another idea that I thought was
15 tied to the previous point so to kind of systematize
16 the fact that the next point is really tied to this
17 and I haven't shifted to something else I just called
18 it "a" or -- so in my humble system if there is a --
19 a letter notation that's a way of saying that in my
20 eyes it's tied to the previous, you know, there is
21 some connection to the previous point.
- 22 Q. Okay. Here you say again in substance that
23 "nicotine withdrawal symptoms," in quotes, are
24 really psychological dependence, not physical?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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1 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with any studies,
2 scientific studies, that describe physical withdrawal
3 symptoms other than the changing pulse that we spoke
4 about earlier?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Are you aware of any of them?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What are they?

9 A. I have alluded to them in -- in number 4, and
10 this is there is a study, I think one or two papers
11 by Mallin, and -- and his associates, in animals
12 showing -- arguing that they have observed withdrawal
13 symptoms in their animals after administration of
14 nicotine.

15 Q. Why are the studies of Mallin questionable?

16 A. Because the withdrawal symptoms that they are
17 reporting on are very different than the ones that we
18 see with the more -- to use the expression that we
19 have used here, "the most classically dependent",
20 physical dependence-producing drugs or substances,
21 and in my opinion do not rate or do not justify the
22 arguments that they are -- that they are withdrawal
23 symptoms.

24 Q. Are you aware of any clinical studies that
25 describe physical withdrawal symptoms?

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1 A. There is a -- there is a paper by Hughes that
2 describes -- again Hughes plus, that describes in
3 humans withdrawal symptoms. I am not aware of
4 anything that I would consider to be physical signs
5 of -- of withdrawal on the same dimension as what we
6 see with alcohol, cocaine, opiates, and so on.

7 Q. Well, that would be a matter of degree; right?

8 A. No, it's not a matter of degree, it's a matter
9 of what kind of symptoms do we see. It's possible
10 that -- that changes in pulse occur with alcohol,
11 cocaine and opiates, but we don't even list them as
12 major -- I mean as such as symptoms because they are
13 such major, you know, effects, that -- so it's not
14 just a matter of degree, it's a matter that symptoms
15 that -- as I said, that to me are symptoms of
16 peripheral nervous system activation as a result of
17 tension and moti -- you know, emotion, stress and all
18 this, these to me are not real withdrawal symptoms,
19 because they will occur in individuals in response to
20 a number of environmental situations that have
21 nothing to do with the intake of chemical substances.

22 Q. What physical signs and symptoms of tobacco
23 withdrawal did Hughes describe?

24 A. I think he described also the -- the pulse
25 rates. I believe that he described, and again I'm

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1 not -- I'm not 100 percent sure, I think he discussed
2 some changes in blood pressure. I'm not aware -- I
3 don't remember that he described anything else. He
4 again described nervousness and restlessness and
5 things like that, but I'm -- I -- the ones that I'm
6 aware of I think is -- is changes in pulse and -- and
7 I think blood pressure, but again, I'm not -- I'm not
8 -- I'm not prepared to -- to state that
9 categorically.

10 Q. Do you subscribe to the conclusion that Hughes
11 reached about the withdrawal symptoms from nicotine
12 in cigarettes?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Why?

15 A. Because what he considers a satisfactory set of
16 symptoms to qualify as withdrawal symptoms are not
17 the set of symptoms that I consider to be -- to be
18 satisfactory. I would -- for me for something to be
19 satisfactory they will have to have a set of
20 withdrawal symptoms that are similar to the drugs or
21 the chemical substances that I've already mentioned
22 before.

23 Q. To the extent that smokers report disruptions in
24 sleep patterns when they attempt to quit or when they
25 have quit --

- 1 A. That's right, yes.
- 2 Q. -- do you regard that as psychological or
- 3 physical in nature?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Neither one?
- 6 A. Sleep pat -- disturbances in sleep pattern?
- 7 Q. Yes, sir.
- 8 A. Yes -- no.
- 9 Q. Is that physical or psychological or both?
- 10 A. No, no, it's psychological.
- 11 Q. That is my question.
- 12 A. Okay. No, I consider that a reaction to
- 13 stress. It's a psychological, it's a -- to my mind
- 14 it is a very typical psychological reaction, not --
- 15 certainly not a -- a physical reaction, but a
- 16 psychological reaction. I -- last night after I --
- 17 my conversation with my wife I had some difficulties
- 18 falling asleep. I was not having withdrawal, and yet
- 19 I had some difficulties falling asleep. Falling -- I
- 20 mean sleep disturbances are one of the most
- 21 commonly-observed symptoms of -- of stress and
- 22 tension and -- and such like things.
- 23 Q. Speaking of stress, is there both a physical and
- 24 a psychological component to stress, or is it all
- 25 psychological?

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1 A. Stress will result in measurable physical
2 changes in a very specific set of systems, primarily
3 the system related to peripheral nervous system
4 activity, so it will -- we can measure it physically,
5 but the phenomenon of stress is perceived as a
6 psychological phenomenon.

7 Q. In paragraph 4a in the second to the last
8 sentence referring to, quote, "nicotine withdrawal
9 symptoms," close quote, you say "They are certainly
10 less severe," pardon me, "than the reactions observed
11 among gamblers when deprived of the opportunity to
12 gamble. Moreover, even those 'symptoms' tend to
13 disappear within a few days."

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is the basis of the statement that
16 withdrawal symptoms, however mild or severe they may
17 be, disappear in smokers within a few days?

18 A. The -- the main basis for that is my experience
19 with people that quit smoking. This is not a rare
20 phenomenon. We see that and observe them. I myself
21 was a smoker some years ago. Just about -- just
22 about everybody in my family smoked at one point or
23 another. But -- and I have observed, you know, in my
24 -- during the years of my work in -- in the clinic I
25 have observed many people, not only in the form of a

1 study or anything like that, but people that informed
2 me that they quit smoking and so on, I think that
3 what it characterizes is yeah, that after a few days,
4 and we may debate what do we mean by a few days, but
5 after a few days these symptoms disappear.

6 Q. Would you disagree with the statement that the
7 symptoms of withdrawal in cigarette smoking persist
8 for months?

9 A. Yes, I would disagree with that statement.

10 Q. Are you familiar with Hughes' paper on that
11 subject?

12 A. I am not familiar with any statement that Hughes
13 makes that the withdrawal symptoms persist for
14 months; no, I am not familiar with that.

15 Q. Assuming he made that statement, you would
16 disagree with it?

17 A. I would disagree with him, --

18 Q. He is wrong?

19 A. -- that that is a wide-ranging phenomenon, yes.

20 Q. In terms of your personal smoking habit, when
21 did you smoke?

22 A. I think it would be more accurate to ask me when
23 did I quit smoking because I smoked for many years.
24 I quit smoking about nine years ago.

25 Q. And you smoked for how many years?

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- 1 A. Well technically speaking before that, there was
2 another -- I smoked from about the time that I was 17
3 to the time that I was 34, and then quit for about 6
4 years or so, roughly speaking, and then in 1973 I
5 joined the war in Israel and during the -- the --
6 what is called now the Yom Kippur war, and by the
7 time the war was over I was smoking again, and -- and
8 then smoked until about nine years ago, so it's many
9 years. I mean I can try to do the calculation, --
- 10 Q. Yeah.
- 11 A. -- but it's many years that I have smoked and
12 now it's a significant number of years that I don't.
- 13 Q. What were the conditions or the reasons that you
14 started smoking again when you were in Israel?
15 Stress of the war? Everybody around me was smoking?
16 What?
- 17 A. Both of the above.
- 18 Q. And when you quit the first time at age 34, how
19 did you quit?
- 20 A. Just quit.
- 21 Q. Okay. No help of any kind?
- 22 A. No help of any kind.
- 23 Q. Suffer any symptoms of withdrawal?
- 24 A. I was nervous for the first few days.
- 25 Q. And that was it?

1 A. Yeah.

2 Q. From 17 to 34 how much did you smoke?

3 A. Pack a day.

4 Q. Pack a day. And then after -- after your

5 experience in the war you smoked until roughly 1988

6 or thereabouts?

7 A. Yes, something like that.

8 Q. So about another fifteen-year period?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Yes?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And --

13 THE WITNESS: I won't learn.

14 Q. And how much did you smoke in that second

15 period?

16 A. Again about a pack a day. Maybe even less. But

17 for all intents and purposes, probably a pack a day.

18 Q. And when you quit the second time, how did you

19 do it?

20 A. Just quit.

21 Q. Why?

22 A. Because it was affecting my vocal cords. I was

23 getting -- I had -- it was making me hoarse, and in

24 my profession it's kind of hard to operate without

25 your vocal cords, I mean without good use of your

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1 vocal cords, so I decided I'm going to quit.

2 Q. By my rough calculation of years, that would
3 mean that you were a smoker at the time you wrote
4 "Stop Smoking for Good"; is that right?

5 A. Yeah, I think so. I think -- yeah, -- I think
6 so.

7 Q. And you were a smoker when you were helping
8 people or attempting to help people to quit?

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. At The New Clinic?

11 A. Yes. I think so, yes.

12 Q. Did you ever apply the methods of either The New
13 Clinic program or the book to yourself?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Why?

16 A. Because I did not want to quit at the time. I
17 -- I was fully convinced that, you know, on the
18 basis of one experience that I -- that I had and --
19 that if I would want to quit I will quit. I didn't
20 want to, and I therefore didn't feel that I should
21 apply to myself any procedure that required that
22 simply because I didn't want to quit.

23 Q. When you quit at age 34, why did you quit?

24 A. I -- the best -- I can't recall really why I
25 decided to quit. The best that I recall was a dare

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1 from in fact one of my colleagues, another graduate
2 student whose office was right near me and he kind of
3 dismissed me as this addict, quote-unquote, who
4 can't, and I said, "Oh, yes, I can," and it was some
5 kind of a dare and I -- whether there was some, you
6 know, supportive reasons I at this point don't
7 remember, but I clearly remember my friend, Michael
8 Corcoran, saying to me "You're not going to be able
9 to quit," and I said, "Well we'll see," and I quit
10 the next day.

11 Q. Is your own personal experience with cigarettes,
12 your ability to quit on two occasions, seemingly for
13 a long time, a factor in your thinking about smokers
14 generally and their ability to quit?

15 A. I'm sure that it plays a role. I would be -- I
16 would be disingenuous -- disingenuous and -- and if I
17 don't say sure. To what extent? Is it playing a
18 definitive role? No. I think because I've mentioned
19 on more than one occasion that I think that the whole
20 phenomena is very variable, very variable, and
21 therefore my experience is an experience, so it
22 accounts for an N of 1, maybe an N of 2, because I
23 tried to quit twice, so it does play a role, of
24 course, but I don't believe that that is definitive,
25 I -- in my thinking, in formulating my thinking I

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1 don't believe that I relied heavily on -- on my
2 personal experience.

3 Q. When you began smoking at age 17 how long did it
4 take you to get up to smoking a pack a day?

5 A. Once again, I would be less than truthful if I
6 would say that I remember exactly.

7 Q. Give me a range.

8 A. Very quickly, I -- my suspicion, within weeks.

9 Q. And how about when you started again in Israel,
10 how long did it take you to get up to a pack a day?
11 A day?

12 A. Days. Days.

13 Q. Okay. If you turn over to page 8 at the bottom,
14 paragraph 7, there's a sentence that begins, "Thus,
15 basic requisites such as dose-response relationship,
16 inhibition of effects with antagonists and their
17 maintenance with agonists easily observable with
18 cocaine or opiates are not easily observed with
19 nicotine." What is the basis for that statement?

20 A. Corrigal.

21 Q. Anything else?

22 A. Clark. Again plus.

23 Q. Sure.

24 A. Every time it's plus.

25 Q. I --

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1 A. Very few people work by themselves these days.

2 Q. I do.

3 MR. McDONNELL: I can understand that.

4 THE WITNESS: Far be it from me to make
5 comments on lawyers.

6 Q. Further down in that paragraph, Dr. Amit, you
7 say, "...the relative failure of nicotine agonists in
8 the form of nicotine containing gum or the nicotine
9 patch to effectively block cigarette smoking." What
10 is the basis of that statement?

11 A. I would say that a statement, one statement by
12 Benowitz accounts for all of -- or can account for
13 all of it, who said we have to contend that the
14 success of the efficacy of nicotine replacement has
15 been less than spectacular, although I'm not sure
16 that I'm quoting it by -- you know, on the word, but
17 that was less, you know, and -- and that does not
18 make any sense in terms of the neuroscience of
19 "nicotine dependence," quote-unquote.

20 Q. Is the ability of a substance to produce
21 discriminative stimulus effect one characteristic of
22 an addictive substance?

23 A. Not at all. Not at all. There are many, many
24 substances that will produce drug discrimination or
25 substance discrimination that are not taken by any

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1 humans or animals. Scopolamine is a drug that
2 produces very clear drug discrimination. I don't
3 know of any illicit use of scopolamine, for example,
4 I mean as an example. There are many substances that
5 produce drug discrimination, but they're not taken in
6 by -- by animals or humans.

7 Q. Paragraph 8 on page 9 is really all about drug
8 discrimination procedures; right?

9 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. Yes?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you say that the attempt to demonstrate that
13 animals can also discriminate nicotine from other
14 substances was not nearly so successful. What paper
15 or papers are you thinking of?

16 A. Once again Corrigan. Corrigan had done a study
17 on -- on drug discrimination --

18 Q. Uh-huh.

19 A. -- and tried to see whether -- I mean he really
20 -- he did get an effect when -- when he asked the
21 animals, "asked," quote-unquote, to discriminate
22 nicotine from saline, but it was -- it was a weak
23 effect, and -- and as I mention here further down, I
24 think that even Corrigan was puzzled by the fact that
25 it's not mediated by the same dopaminergic substrate

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1 that mediated discrimination of cocaine and other
2 drugs.

3 Q. In order to come to this particular opinion
4 about the effect or impact of drug discrimination
5 studies, did you do any literature search to see what
6 others had thought about the ability of animals to
7 discriminate nicotine from other substances? Did you
8 do that? is the question.

9 A. Yes. Yes.

10 Q. And what did you look at?

11 A. I looked at Stolerman's work. I looked --

12 Q. Stolman?

13 A. Stoler -- Stolerman.

14 Q. S-t-o-l?

15 A. S-t-o-l-e-r-m-a-n.

16 Q. Uh-huh.

17 A. I looked at Kumar's work, K-u-m-a-r. I believe
18 it's C -- no, no, K-u -- K-u-m-a-r.

19 Q. They in fact publish together; did they not?

20 A. Some together and some separately.

21 Q. Okay. Who else?

22 A. Some together and some separately. Well, I've
23 looked at -- at Corrigan.

24 Q. Yes, you mentioned that.

25 A. As I mentioned. I've looked at -- no, that's --

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1 for nicotine specifically.

2 Q. Yes.

3 A. Right now I will stay with that.

4 Q. Did you look at the work of Takada, Swedberg,

5 Goldberg, and Katz?

6 A. Yes, I believe I did.

7 Q. Did you look at the work that Stolerman did with

8 Pratt?

9 A. Yes, I believe I did, yes.

10 Q. Did you look at the work Stolerman did with

11 Goldberg and Risner?

12 A. I think so, but I don't want to say

13 definitively.

14 Q. Did you work at the work of Chance Mervin, et

15 al?

16 A. No.

17 Q. All of those studies, at least the ones that you

18 looked at, found that animals identify nicotine as

19 having a highly specific discriminative stimulus

20 profile; isn't that true?

21 A. No. I think that that's a very strong statement

22 that I think is not warranted by the data. I think

23 that yes, all of these studies were able to show that

24 animals can discriminate nicotine from saline. That

25 is consistent and -- and not debateable. Whether

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1 it's, you know, the -- I won't repeat the terminology
2 that you use, but I don't believe that -- that --
3 because the effect is not nearly as strong as you see
4 with other drugs, so I will not use strong
5 terminology, but I will not debate the fact, as I
6 said, that yes, you do get discrimination between
7 nicotine and saline.

8 Q. Paragraph 9 is about tolerance, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And your view is that a close scrutiny of the
11 acquisition of smoking behavior in humans reveals a
12 rapid and sharp rise in the initial learning curve
13 reaching quickly a steady asymptote?

14 A. That is correct.

15 Q. Where no further incremental changes occur?

16 A. That is correct.

17 Q. What is an asymptote?

18 A. There's no -- there's no blackboard here. An
19 asymptote is the -- when you have a -- a behavior
20 curve, I mean we plot behavior, particularly behavior
21 that is not being learned, okay. What we see is
22 first of all a rise in the curve and then at a
23 certain point the curve -- excuse me -- the curve
24 flattens, okay, and therefore there is no significant
25 -- I mean it's never a really kind of geometric

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1 flattening of the curve, but it flattens, we don't
2 see any more significant changes in the curve and it
3 continues like that for some period of time, we say
4 that the curve has reached an asymptote or a plateau,
5 I think that that -- that this will be a plateau.
6 Q. A steady state?
7 A. No, steady state is a different thing. Okay.
8 Steady state's a different thing. I would say a
9 plateau.
10 Q. All right. So a plateauing effect is what --
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. -- asymptote is referring to?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And comparing cigarettes to other substances
15 such as cocaine, marijuana, heroin, morphine,
16 barbiturates, do they also reach an asymptote in use?
17 A. Yes, they do reach an asymptote, but the -- the
18 total curve is very different than what we see in
19 nicotine.
20 Q. And when you say there is -- is a rapid and
21 sharp rise reaching quickly a steady asymptote,
22 what's the time period from first --
23 A. Weeks. In my opinion, weeks.
24 Q. And what is it for cocaine?
25 A. For cocaine?

1 Q. Yes. Based on the literature.

2 A. At least months. I -- my temptation was to say
3 years. We still see increments, you know. Years.
4 Now there are again, to be -- to be precise and to be
5 accurate we have to introduce other factors, and this
6 is the cost. Okay. The cost of the substance is a
7 major factor in the shape of the curve. So in fact
8 nico -- cocaine is considerably more expensive than
9 cigarettes per daily use, okay, per daily dose, and
10 therefore it will have an effect on the curve. In
11 fact it should tend to produce a shift to the left in
12 the curve.

13 Q. Meaning what?

14 I can't -- I can't let you have that one.

15 (Handing note paper.)

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. You're about to describe something in written
18 form to us.

19 A. Say this is a -- a typical form of a drug X,
20 okay. A rise in the curve and then an asymptote.

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. All right. A shift to the left will be -- will
23 be something like that. That will be a shift to the
24 left.

25 Q. So the left --

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1 A. Where the -- the -- the rise is faster and
2 produces -- and therefore the point of turning to the
3 asymptote occurs faster, because the cost, as I said,
4 in cocaine, which is what I'm proposing, one would
5 assume should happen because of the cost. Despite
6 that -- despite that, we don't see that. Right. We
7 see in fact a shift to the right, compared to say
8 nicotine; in other words, where it's -- it's kind of
9 -- and we have to change the -- the abscissa because
10 we are shifting now from weeks to -- to months and to
11 years, but we get a major shift to the right.

12 Q. Page 10 of the report. This is the -- in that
13 paragraph, at paragraph 10 you say almost all drugs
14 which support their own compulsive and repetitive use
15 share three additional properties in common:
16 euphoria, intoxication, and adverse societal effects;
17 right?

18 A. Uh-huh.

19 Q. Yes?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Are those three additional criteria necessary in
22 order to determine whether any substance is
23 dependence-producing, in your view?

24 A. Not strictly speaking, no. Not strictly
25 speaking, no.

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1 Q. So this is more informational than it is a
2 matter of criteria?

3 A. More informational, and -- but as a matter of
4 fact, it -- very often you see that, but it is -- in
5 terms of the definition that I presented to you, no,
6 it's not -- it's not absolutely necessary, no.

7 Q. You say further down, "While no demonstration of
8 euphoria was ever reported for nicotine in humans,"
9 and then the sentence goes on to talk about
10 improvements in performance.

11 A. Uh-huh, uh-huh, yes.

12 Q. You have seen no report anywhere of euphoria for
13 nicotine in humans as a result --

14 A. I have seen no reports anywhere that I know of
15 within the bounds of my reading of the literature
16 that reported euphoria with regards to nicotine usage
17 in humans.

18 Q. At the bottom of page 10 there are two
19 conclusions about your review of I take it the
20 tobacco industry documents?

21 A. Those that I've read.

22 Q. Yes, sir.

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. That's what those two points at the bottom of
25 page 10 refer to; is that right?

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1 (Witness reviewing document.)

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. You wrote a paper, which I'll mark as next in
4 order, 661, in 1982 entitled "Progressive Relaxation
5 Exercise and Human Gastric Acid" Output. Do you
6 recall that paper?

7 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 661 referenced for
8 identification.)

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Let me show it to you. What was the hypothesis
11 being proposed or tested there?

12 A. The truth is that really the -- the main item in
13 that study was really to try to test a telemetric
14 procedure which at that time was quite new and not
15 used very often and now it's used fairly -- fairly
16 regularly, so that was really the main item of
17 curiosity for me. The -- the working hypothesis of
18 the study was that stress in individuals produces an
19 increase in gastric acid output and that using the
20 relaxation procedure will affect and will block the
21 gastric acid output.

22 Q. And what did you find?

23 A. The affect was small. I mean we did see some
24 effect, but the effect was small. I will have to
25 read this paper because I have not gone back to it

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1 now 15 years, but I think that what we got is a small
2 effect.

3 Q. Just let me show you the last page, the last
4 paragraph, and in fact just the last line, but what
5 does it say?

6 A. The data suggests that relaxation training is
7 not an effective method of lowering acid output of
8 healthy subjects.

9 Q. That's the bottom line to that paper, isn't it?

10 A. I said I mean the effect was small.

11 Q. All right.

12 A. I mean again by way of background, the coauthor
13 here, her husband is one of the chief surgeons in
14 Montreal doing ulcer surgery, and of course she had a
15 particular interest in -- in gastric output, gastric
16 acid output, and yeah, in terms of meaningfulness of
17 that treatment to alleviate say surgery and all this,
18 it was not effective at all.

19 Q. Okay. Let me marked as 662 a document entitled
20 "Research Advances in Alcohol and Drug Problems".

21 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 662 referenced for
22 identification.)

23 Q. Do you recognize this, sir?

24 A. I will have to look at it.

25 Q. Please do.

1 (Witness reviewing document.)

2 A. Yes, yes.

3 Q. You contributed I think a chapter; did you not?

4 A. It would appear that way.

5 Q. Well what was this document? Was it a text?

6 A. It was a book, yes.

7 Q. Or --

8 A. It was a book that was published by Plenum --

9 Plenum Press, and edited, as you see, by a large
10 number of people, all of them heralding from the
11 Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto.

12 Q. What is the Addiction Research Foundation in
13 Toronto?

14 A. The Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto is
15 a Ontario -- a provincial government agency, we don't
16 have states, we have provinces, and Ontario has a
17 provincial agency called the Addiction Research
18 Foundation which its mandate is both to provide help,
19 assistance, therapy, and things like that to any drug
20 use, and also to do research on the issues related to
21 what they, quote-unquote, erroneously call "drug
22 addiction".

23 Q. Erroneous or not, they invited you to
24 participate in this book by providing a chapter?

25 A. That's correct.

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- 1 Q. About an area of interest that you had?
- 2 A. That's correct.
- 3 Q. And that was about ACTH?
- 4 A. No, it's about acetaldehyde.
- 5 Q. Oh, I'm sorry, acetaldehyde. Have you ever
- 6 talked with the people at the Addiction Research
- 7 Foundation and asked them to change their name?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. You have?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what'd they say?
- 12 A. They laughed.
- 13 Q. And this was work done --
- 14 A. Again, in fairness, I mean this was in -- in
- 15 kibitz, I didn't seriously think that they were going
- 16 to do that, but I told them that I think they ought
- 17 to do that.
- 18 Q. Well kibitz is a technical term many in the room
- 19 won't understand, but I do.
- 20 A. Okay.
- 21 Q. This was work done a round 1990?
- 22 A. It was published in 1990. It began -- I mean
- 23 the work -- my work on acetaldehyde had began earlier
- 24 than that and continues to the present day, but at a
- 25 certain point we have summarized some of our

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1 knowledge and notions about acetaldehyde and then
2 published it in this chapter in 1990.

3 Q. Chapter 10 was a chapter not written by you that
4 had to do with the effects of tobacco. Do you see
5 that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you review that chapter?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you ever read it at all?

10 A. Yes, that's -- I believe that that's a chapter
11 by Hughes. I believe that that's a chapter by Hughes
12 and -- yeah -- well, I'm sorry. I should have just
13 looked at -- at -- yes, I am familiar -- I can't tell
14 you that I read every word of that chapter, but I
15 have read significant parts of this chapter, yes.

16 Q. And in summary fashion can you tell me whether
17 you'd agree or disagree with the conclusions reached
18 in that chapter?

19 A. Specifically in -- in the section in section 18
20 or in general?

21 Q. In general.

22 A. There are some things that I -- I very much
23 agree with -- with Hughes, there are some things that
24 I don't.

25 Q. Can you tell me sitting here without having the

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1 benefit of the chapter in front of you what you
2 disagree with?

3 A. I disagree with the -- the comparison of -- of
4 -- the abstinence symptoms relative to other drugs,
5 although again to my recollection they classify
6 abstinence in nicotine, but I don't think that they
7 make the claim that it is really comparable to -- to
8 other drugs.

9 Q. I want to talk with you now about a variety of
10 topics, and I'm going to be shifting topics, but I
11 will tell you when I shift. Okay?

12 A. I will try to adjust myself.

13 Q. Are you familiar with the role that adjustments
14 in pH may play with respect to nicotine in
15 cigarettes?

16 A. No. I know of -- of that phenomenon, but I am
17 not -- I am not familiar with it and I am not -- this
18 is not my area of expertise, so no.

19 Q. And you've formed no opinions about it?

20 A. No, I don't have any opinion about that.

21 Q. And you expect not to express any opinions about
22 that at the time of trial?

23 A. I absolutely intend not to express any opinion
24 about that. I will try judiciously not to express
25 any opinion about areas that I don't consider myself

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1 an expert in.

2 Q. How about the effect of ammonia in cigarette

3 products?

4 A. The same.

5 Q. You're familiar with it in a general sense?

6 A. I've heard, you know, that it's been used but I

7 am not prepared to comment about what does it mean,

8 what are the results, or anything like that.

9 Q. Do you have an understanding of the term up

10 regulation?

11 A. Of what? If you're -- of what?

12 Q. Nicotinic receptors.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Define that term for me.

15 A. Up regulation means that with the exposure, I

16 mean, and I will just state that not only with regard

17 to nicotine receptors, but as the concept, that's why

18 I said if you are talking about receptors, what we

19 see is that with the -- with exposure to a chemical

20 substance, a psychoactive substance, a substance that

21 has an effect on the central nervous system, although

22 technically you could see the same thing or you

23 should be able to see the same thing in the

24 peripheral nervous system, but most of that work has

25 been done with central nervous system, you see an

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1 increase in the number of receptors and/or in the
2 binding capacity of the receptors. There is a
3 debate. Some people say that one occurs, meaning the
4 increase in the number of receptors; some people that
5 it's the binding capacity of the receptors that
6 increases, and some people say that both of these
7 things occur. But when this phenomenon occurs, we
8 say that what we are seeing here is an up regulation
9 of the receptor system that is related to that
10 substance that has been now applied to that organism.

11 Q. Do you consider yourself an expert in
12 pharmacodynamics?

13 A. No. No.

14 Q. And define that term for me.

15 A. Pharmacodynamics looks specifically at the
16 dynamic relationship of a substance with the tissue
17 to which you apply it, meaning if you -- just as an
18 example -- just as examples of it, if you apply a
19 chemical substance to a tissue, the study that looks,
20 for example, at the distribution of that substance in
21 the tissue across time, for example, will be a
22 pharmacodynamic study. The -- the elimination of
23 that substance from the tissue will be -- and the
24 time course that that -- that happens will be also
25 pharmacodynamics.

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1 Q. We've talked a little bit about relapse
2 statistics for cigarettes. Are you familiar with the
3 relapse statistics for alcohol over time, moaning
4 more than just a three-month follow up, a year or
5 more?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And what are they, current day?

8 A. Best estimate that I can give you at this point
9 is that people that quit drinking, about 80 percent
10 of them relapse. Roughly speaking about 80 percent
11 of them relapse, within -- if talking about the time
12 frame of what, a year.

13 Q. Yes. Does that relapse factor for alcohol
14 suggest to you anything about the level or amount of
15 that dependence that people have on alcohol?

16 A. No, I -- no, I -- I don't -- I don't look at
17 that that way. I have never looked at dependence as
18 a function of failure to adhere to a certain
19 discipline, meaning, you know, self --
20 self-discipline. No, I don't see that, not in
21 alcohol and not in -- in other substances, that that
22 really teaches us something about the nature of
23 dependence.

24 Q. You believe it teaches -- doesn't teach us
25 anything about the nature of dependence?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Is that right?
- 3 A. That's correct.
- 4 Q. And that would be true of cocaine as well?
- 5 A. That will be true about cocaine as well.
- 6 Q. The amphetamines?
- 7 A. Amphetamines.
- 8 Q. Morphine?
- 9 A. Morphine as well.
- 10 Q. Morphine or heroin?
- 11 A. Yeah, morphine and heroin are the same thing. I
- 12 mean for all intents and purposes morphine and heroin
- 13 are the same thing.
- 14 Q. Returning to the role of pH, have you seen any
- 15 tobacco industry documents that document or evidence
- 16 the adjustment of nicotine in cigarettes?
- 17 A. The adjustment?
- 18 Q. Yes, lowering or raising of nicotine in relation
- 19 to the type of cigarette product being produced.
- 20 A. Yes, I have seen documents like that, yes.
- 21 Q. Generally those are the documents that relate to
- 22 an attempt to lower tar in a cigarette?
- 23 A. I've seen all kinds of things, you know, lower
- 24 this, raise this, but the point, the truth is, that
- 25 as soon as I established, you know, by just scanning

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1 the paper that it is not related to dependence
2 and/or, quote-unquote, "addiction," I basically put
3 it on the -- you know, in the next pile.
4 Q. Do you consider yourself expert in the actions
5 and differences, if any, between free nicotine and
6 bound nicotine?
7 A. No.
8 Q. How about nicotine absorption?
9 A. No.
10 Q. Blood levels of nicotine?
11 A. You will have to elaborate on that.
12 Q. Just in a general sense.
13 A. No.
14 Q. Let's begin talking about some of the documents
15 you looked at, by starting with the Brown &
16 Williamson and B.A.T. set. What I have here is a
17 subset, as I understand it, of all the documents you
18 were shown.
19 A. Before we go into this can we take just a
20 two-minute break --
21 Q. Of course.
22 A. -- to visit the --
23 Q. Facilities.
24 A. -- facilities.
25 Q. Absolutely. Off the record.

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1 (Recess from 10:44 to 10:51 a.m.)

2 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

3 Q. Dr. Amit, I want to talk to you about a few of
4 the Brown & Williamson or BATCO documents you've
5 looked at.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. I hope you've looked at these and it's been
8 represented to me that you have, but starting with a
9 document entitled "APPRAISAL OF REPORTS IN PROJECT
10 HIPPO," do you recall seeing documents about Project
11 Hippo?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Let me show you what I've marked as 663.

14 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 663 referenced for
15 identification.)

16 A. Oh.

17 Q. In a general sense, the first question is: Is
18 this a document you looked at?

19 A. I believe so. I believe so. I can barely read
20 it, so -- but I believe so. I believe that I -- I
21 have looked at that, yeah.

22 Q. And when you read it was it your custom and
23 practice to read it fully and completely --

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. -- to the extent possible?

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1 A. Yes, there are many -- there are many documents
2 where I couldn't read it and all sections of it, and
3 so -- but to the extent that I could I tried to read
4 even those that I determined not to be in -- in my
5 area of interest or my area of expertise I tried to
6 read them, to use them fully and completely to the
7 extent that I could, yes.

8 Q. And in so doing, did you compare whatever
9 scientific conclusions were presented in the papers
10 with what you understood to be known in the medical
11 and scientific literature as you understood it?

12 A. Only if it met, yes -- only if it meant -- met
13 the criteria that I imposed on my exercise, meaning
14 that I see in the paper evidence of research and
15 data-driven material and conclusions that represent a
16 breakthrough in our understanding of dependence, then
17 I try to, you know. But as you know, with the
18 exception, I've stated it already I think in the
19 record, that I did not find -- with the exception of
20 one set that we discussed yesterday, I did not find
21 any.

22 Q. That was the Denoble paper?

23 A. That's correct.

24 Q. In order for you to evaluate the documents as to
25 whether they were appropriate research papers, did

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1 they have to be of publishable quality as far as you
2 were concerned?

3 A. No, they didn't. They had to first of all,
4 present data --

5 Q. Right.

6 A. -- and present a formal study. And a -- some --
7 some evaluation of -- of the data in that -- in that
8 area of research. Whether they are -- I would have
9 considered them absolutely at publishable quality I
10 don't think was -- was a major consideration in my --
11 in my attempt.

12 Q. And when documents such as Exhibit 663
13 summarized other research did you at any time ask for
14 the original research materials to be shown to you?

15 A. Again, only in one instance that we already
16 discussed.

17 Q. Well that was an instance in which Denoble's
18 work was a research paper that was part of the
19 documents.

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And you were furnished, I take it, as we
22 discussed yesterday, some additional materials about
23 Denoble?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Putting that example aside, this Exhibit, 663,

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1 describes research undertaken as part of Hippo I,
2 right?

3 A. I believe so, yes.

4 Q. My question is: Did you ever ask counsel to
5 provide you the original research materials of Hippo
6 I --

7 A. No.

8 Q. -- rather than the summary that's exemplified by
9 663?

10 A. No.

11 MR. GALE: Counsel, if I can interject one
12 thing to the extent it matters.

13 MR. SILBERFELD: No.

14 MR. GALE: Okay.

15 MR. SILBERFELD: Yes, you can.

16 MR. GALE: He got the original research
17 from Hippo I, it's not in that stack because it's
18 among the documents that you all from the
19 depository. Just so that -- I just wanted you to
20 understand.

21 MR. SILBERFELD: Thank you.

22 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 664 referenced for
23 identification.)

24 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

25 Q. I've marked as 664 a document entitled "The

1 Study of Human Smoking Behavior Using Butt Analysis",
2 Report Number RD.1608 Restricted, from the British
3 American Tobacco Company. Is that a document you
4 looked at?

5 A. I believe so.

6 Q. Okay. Is it a research paper which presents
7 data, as you've defined those terms for us?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And did you make a comparison with respect to
10 Exhibit 664 whether or not that provided anything new
11 or significant to the world's understanding of the
12 effects of nicotine in cigarettes?

13 A. That was not part of my -- of my frame of
14 reference. Remember, I was only -- it's not -- I was
15 not studying the effects of nicotine in cigarettes.
16 I was studying whether there was any -- I was looking
17 and searching to see whether there is anything to do
18 with dependence and/or, quote-unquote, "addiction"
19 that was in the documents that was not reported to
20 the public and that they -- they -- therefore
21 research and data generated by the industry that was
22 not known to the public. This doesn't fit that
23 criterion.

24 Q. So you would say that Exhibit 664 has nothing to
25 do with dependence?

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1 A. That's -- it does not represent data on -- on
2 the -- that studied the issue of dependence, no.

3 Q. So do I understand you correctly to say that in
4 doing the document review that you did you focused
5 exclusively on dependence or addiction if that term
6 appeared --

7 A. Yes, that's correct. I've stated that I think
8 throughout our conversations.

9 Q. And nothing else, such as smoking behavior
10 patterns?

11 A. Yeah, I mean no -- I mean the answer is yes, I
12 did not concern myself with smoking behavior
13 patterns, all right. If there was something in the
14 study on smoking behavior patterns that was related
15 and relevant to our understanding or marked a
16 breakthrough in our understanding about dependence or
17 addiction then it would have been then a -- something
18 that I would have studied, but -- or considered, but
19 this was not the case here.

20 Q. With respect to Exhibit 664?

21 A. To this particular document, yes.

22 Q. Let me mark as 665 another document entitled
23 "COMPENSATION: A REVIEW, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
24 COMPENSATION AND CHANGES IN CIGARETTE DESIGN".

25 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 665 referenced for

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1 identification.)

2 Q. Is this a document you looked at?

3 A. I believe so.

4 Q. Was it a document that you studied carefully?

5 By that I mean did it have to do with dependence?

6 A. No. No.

7 Q. To the extent that smokers compensate in order
8 to try to achieve the same nicotine dose to which
9 their bodies might be used to or accustomed, is that
10 a factor in dependence?

11 A. It may be a factor in dependence, but I mean
12 somebody will need to show how is it a factor in
13 dependence. Just because somebody compensates for
14 something it doesn't mean that we can immediately
15 assume therefore that it's a factor in dependence.

16 Q. Would you regard that as an open question at
17 this time; that is, whether compensating behavior
18 plays a role in dependence, in cigarettes?

19 A. Yes, it's an open question. Yes. We may not
20 mean the same by -- by that answer, but yes, I would.

21 Q. What do you mean by it?

22 A. I mean by it that yes, it is possible that
23 somebody is going to come tomorrow and show us how
24 the development of dependence is really the major
25 factor that determines compensation of people in --

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1 or animals for that matter in their usage. So in
2 that sense an open question. It hasn't been
3 demonstrated before.

4 Q. Was Exhibit 665 a research paper which presented
5 data?

6 (Witness reviewing document.)

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. But again you didn't compare it to the
9 scientific literature and it didn't bear on
10 dependence?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. All right. Let me show you Exhibit 666 which is
13 a document entitled "EFFECTS OF NICOTINE ON
14 ELECTROCORTICAL ACTIVITY AND ACETYLCHOLINE RELEASE
15 FROM THE CEREBRAL CORTEX OF THE SQUIRREL MONKEY". Is
16 that a document you looked at in this case?

17 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 666 referenced for
18 identification.)

19 A. I believe so.

20 Q. And did it bear on the issue of dependence?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Did it present data?

23 (Witness reviewing document.)

24 A. Not in my concept of presenting data. I mean
25 they're not presenting a study. They are reviewing,

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1 you know, some -- some work that have been done by a
2 number of people. It is not -- but -- and there is
3 data mentioned here, --

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. -- but they're not reporting a formal study with
6 a formal hypothesis that they are studying. That's
7 just by perusing it at -- at this point. Regardless
8 of that, it is certainly not data that is in any way
9 relevant to the question of dependence or -- or,
10 quote-unquote, "addiction".

11 Q. Okay. Do you believe that this paper when you
12 reviewed it, Exhibit 666, provided any new
13 information about electrocortical activity of
14 nicotine, as of the year that the work was done, but
15 I can't tell you what year that is?

16 A. I can't -- again I am not competent to -- EEG is
17 not -- again is not my field, it's a very -- it's a
18 specialty area, and I am not in a position to -- to
19 -- I don't know the literature on -- on EEG
20 altogether, and -- and so I'm not in a position to
21 say whether that data represents anything new or
22 significant.

23 Q. Okay. Let me mark as 667 the paper entitled
24 "EFFECTS OF NICOTINE ON THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM,"
25 January 1971. Is this a document you looked at,

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1 Doctor?

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 667 referenced for
3 identification.)

4 (Witness reviewing document.)

5 A. Yes, I believe so.

6 Q. Did it provide data?

7 A. No. Sorry. It did not provide data related to
8 the question of dependence or addiction.

9 Q. It provided data about the effects of nicotine
10 on the central nervous system?

11 A. Yes, it provides data on the -- on the release
12 of acetylcholine and effects, you know, and also
13 provides some data, I believe, on the effects of
14 nicotine on EEG.

15 Q. All right. But nothing about dependence?

16 A. No.

17 Q. So you would have no opinion as to whether or
18 not this document --

19 A. No.

20 Q. -- provided a scientific advance on what was
21 known?

22 A. No.

23 Q. That's true?

24 A. Yeah, that -- I mean, I will not, and -- and I
25 certainly was not in a position and -- and didn't

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1 offer to do a -- just a general assessment of the
2 quality of research that was done by people related
3 to the tobacco industry in -- in terms of the quality
4 of their research. I have restricted myself to my
5 area of expertise.

6 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 668 referenced for
7 identification.)

8 Q. 668 is a document entitled "HUMAN SMOKING
9 STUDIES, ACUTE EFFECT OF CIGARETTE SMOKE ON BRAIN
10 WAVE ALPHA RHYTHM," October 31, 1974, from Brown &
11 Williamson. Did you review that document?

12 A. From the -- even from the title I see, yes, I
13 think I did. Yes, I think I did.

14 Q. And did that paper present data?

15 A. No. I mean present data, I'm sorry. Yes, it
16 presents data.

17 Q. About the brain wave activity of smokers?

18 A. That's correct. Alpha particularly.

19 Q. Alpha brain wave?

20 A. Yeah.

21 Q. And what is your understanding as to the
22 relationship of alpha brain waves to mood in human
23 beings?

24 A. Again, I would like not to answer that because
25 it's not my area of expertise. I do know some things

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1 about what commonly behavior scientists know about
2 alpha rhythm, you know, but I would like not to
3 answer it as an expert.

4 Q. Okay. This document provides; does it not, new
5 information about alpha brain waves?

6 A. It's possible. I'm really not -- my knowledge
7 of that literature is nil. I mean it's close to
8 nil. Maybe I know about alpha really more than the
9 lawyers that are sitting here, but that's really not
10 saying much, so I'm not -- I am not -- I don't feel
11 comfortable in saying it really presents something
12 new and something significant. I am not in a
13 position to do that.

14 Q. Well as of the time this was written in 1974
15 under CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS they say,
16 "Further studies of this striking, fundamental human
17 response to cigarette smoke are indicated." In 197
18 -- as of 1974 did you have a view whether the alpha
19 brain wave activity that was described there was a
20 striking phenomenon?

21 A. No.

22 Q. You don't know one way or the other?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Let me mark as 669 a document entitled "RESEARCH
25 CONFERENCE UNITED KINGDOM 1984". Have you seen that

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1 document before, Doctor.

2 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 669 referenced for
3 identification.)

4 (Witness reviewing document.)

5 A. I believe so.

6 Q. Turn, if you would, to the tab I've put there.

7 That describes; does it not, a 1984 conference in
8 South Hampton on nicotine?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Did you read that when you --

11 A. I believe so.

12 Q. -- when you reviewed the document?

13 A. I believe so.

14 Q. Okay. Do you have any reason to disagree with
15 the major conclusions reached?

16 A. Once again, -- let me just --

17 (Witness reviewing document.)

18 A. No. I -- none of this is really relevant to --
19 to my area besides that this is not data, this is
20 discussion and conclusions about material that was
21 presented in a conference. I don't see any -- any --
22 again data -- certainly there is no data here on --
23 on the issue of dependence and/or, quote-unquote,
24 "addiction", so no.

25 Q. Okay. Do you agree with the statement that

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1 "satisfaction," in quotes, must be related to
2 nicotine?

3 A. No, I don't agree with that statement. I'm not
4 even sure that I understand what the statement means.

5 Q. Do you agree with the statement many people
6 believe it is a whole body response and involves the
7 action of nicotine in the brain, referring to
8 satisfaction?

9 A. No, I don't -- again, I don't understand what a
10 whole body response means.

11 Q. Are you familiar with the term "impact on
12 inhaling"?

13 A. Yeah, I'm familiar with the term, yes.

14 Q. Let me show you as Exhibit 670 a document
15 entitled "METHOD FOR NICOTINE AND COTININE IN BLOOD
16 AND URINE" dated 1980. Is this a document you
17 reviewed?

18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 670 referenced for
19 identification.)

20 (Witness reviewing document.)

21 A. I believe so.

22 Q. And was there anything meaningful in it in terms
23 of dependence?

24 (Witness reviewing document.)

25 A. No.

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1 Q. Does it present data, even though it's not about
2 dependence?

3 A. It presents some data, yes.

4 Q. But again you didn't evaluate whether that made
5 a contribution to science?

6 A. To science in general, no.

7 Q. 671 is a document entitled "SOME 'BENEFITS' OF
8 SMOKING," in quotes, 1977. Did you look at that,
9 sir, as part of your review?

10 A. Yes. No -- I mean I said yes as far as I
11 understood your question. I didn't say that --

12 Q. In the past?

13 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 671 referenced for
14 identification.)

15 (Witness reviewing document.)

16 A. Yes, I believe that I did, yes.

17 Q. Does it present data, or results of studies?

18 A. It is a review. I mean this is a review. It
19 does present data but it's secondary sources; in
20 other words, reviews a number of studies. The person
21 that -- that is doing the review is reporting
22 studies, so it's not a formal study, it is a review
23 of several studies.

24 Q. Okay. Was it at all meaningful in terms of your
25 charge having to do with dependence?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. Do you believe there are aspects of smoking or
3 effects of smoking that are beneficial?

4 A. I believe that -- first of all, there is
5 literature on -- on -- that argues that there is a --
6 there are effects of cigarette smoking that are
7 beneficial. Since the literature comes from both
8 sides of the, quote-unquote, great divide, I -- I
9 give credence to -- to -- to the literature, so yes,
10 there are some -- there are reports that I have no
11 reason to doubt about the -- about beneficial effects
12 of smoking.

13 Q. What are the beneficial effects?

14 A. Cognitive enhancement, increase -- increased
15 ability to concentrate, calming effect, such like
16 things.

17 Q. And are those as a result of physiologic action
18 of the cigarette?

19 A. I don't know.

20 Q. Are they the result of psychological action of
21 the cigarette?

22 A. That by definition they will have to be because
23 the variables that I've just described are
24 psychological in nature, so since there was a change
25 in them it has to be psychological. What is the

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1 mechanism that induced those changes? I don't know.

2 Q. Do you know anything about the effects of

3 smoking on Parkinson's disease?

4 A. Not even a little bit.

5 Q. Or Alzheimer's?

6 A. I know -- I do know in terms of the lit -- some
7 of the literature that there are supposed purportedly
8 beneficial effects of smoking on Alzheimer's, but I
9 am saying that and I am emphasizing as a lay person
10 who has read about that this is not my area of
11 expertise and I cannot evaluate it, but I have heard
12 of reports of some beneficial effects in
13 Alzheimer's. I may even have heard some, although
14 less clear in my mind, some beneficial effects in
15 Parkinson's, but again I have heard that, I am not in
16 a position to evaluate it, it's -- it's not my area
17 of expertise.

18 Q. Do cigarettes have a beneficial effect in weight
19 control?

20 A. I think that the answer here is a bit
21 complicated. Is cigarettes -- is cigarette smoking
22 involved in or has an effect on weight regulation?
23 The answer is yes. If somebody will start now taking
24 -- smoking 5 cigarettes a day, and I'm just using
25 that as an example, now today on a regular basis, it

1 is unlikely to have an effect on -- on their -- their
2 weight. The -- the main thing I think that have been
3 found is that when smokers smoke on a regular basis
4 and for a period of time and then they stop smoking,
5 there is usually an increase in weight. That
6 increase in weight when the -- if the person relapses
7 and continues to smoke is partially ameliorated but
8 not completely. That's what I know about the
9 involvement. So that's not a beneficial -- I don't
10 remember exactly the wording of the question, but
11 it's not a -- it is involved and has some impact
12 under certain conditions on weight regulation.

13 Q. Let me show you what I've marked as 672. It's a
14 monograph on the pharmacological and toxicological
15 effects of nicotine; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And it's dated what year, sir? I think it's in
18 the lower left.

19 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 672 referenced for
20 identification.)

21 A. July 1979.

22 Q. Okay. Did you review that document?

23 (Witness reviewing document.)

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. Did it have any bearing on your charge; that is,

1 to look for things that related to the issue of
2 dependence?

3 A. No.

4 Q. It did not?

5 A. No. Again, before I even look at the thing, I
6 want to remind you and for the record I guess that I
7 am talking specifically here about data and
8 research-driven, significant data results and
9 significant things related to that. No, the answer
10 is no.

11 Q. Does this monograph present data or research
12 results?

13 A. I will -- yes, I believe it does, yes.

14 Q. And does it present data or research results of
15 studies that relate to directly or indirectly
16 addictiveness or dependence?

17 A. No, not in my opinion.

18 Q. There is a section at the beginning of page 38
19 entitled SMOKING BEHAVIOR: ROLE OF NICOTINE IN THE
20 SMOKING HABIT. Do you see that, sir?

21 (Witness reviewing document.)

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you read that at the time you were --

24 A. I believe so.

25 Q. -- first furnished this document?

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1 A. Yes, I believe so.

2 Q. And let me ask you a question about a particular
3 statement if I may.

4 A. Okay.

5 Q. As of 1979 when this was done do you believe it
6 to be a true statement that, quote, "There is now
7 increasing evidence that the presence of nicotine may
8 be the major factor responsible for the widespread
9 use of tobacco in all human societies?"

10 A. No, I do not believe that to be a true
11 statement.

12 Q. So whoever are the authors of this article were
13 wrong about that?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. We've talked some over the last two days about
16 the behavior aspects of smoke, having to do with
17 taste and the tactile aspects --

18 (Reporter interruption.)

19 Q. -- the tactile aspects of smoking, holding the
20 cigarette and putting it in your mouth and so forth.
21 Are smokeless tobacco products dependence-producing?

22 A. I have no idea.

23 Q. Have you ever made that comparison in your mind?

24 A. No.

25 Q. If smokeless tobacco products in fact produced a

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1 mild dependence, what, if anything, does that suggest
2 to you about the role of nicotine compared to the
3 behavior aspects of smoking cigarettes?

4 A. You're asking me to make -- to assume?

5 Q. Yes?

6 A. If somebody will show me that smokeless tobacco
7 products produced a dependence by, you know, my
8 definition, significant dependence, I have to say --
9 first of all I have to examine these smokeless
10 products. I don't know what's in a smokeless tobacco
11 product.

12 Q. Assume it contains nicotine.

13 A. And nothing else.

14 Q. Other products, but --

15 A. Well then here -- here is the problem. I will
16 then have to determine what is the relative
17 contribution of the various components to -- to the
18 development of that, quote-unquote, "hypothetical
19 dependence".

20 Q. Have you at any time -- well withdraw that.

21 Do you know whether there is literature out
22 there in the world medical and scientific literature
23 that compares cigarettes, cigarette smoking to
24 smokeless tobacco products --

25 A. I am not aware of such literature.

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1 Q. -- and their effects?

2 A. I'm not aware of such literature, no.

3 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 673 referenced for
4 identification.)

5 Q. 673 is a document entitled "The Action of
6 Nicotine in the Brain," August 1966. Is this a
7 document you looked at?

8 (Witness reviewing document.)

9 A. I believe so.

10 Q. Does it present data?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Does it present research results?

13 A. It reviews research, yes, but it doesn't present
14 data.

15 Q. Does it have anything to do with the issue of
16 dependence?

17 A. No.

18 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 674 referenced for
19 identification.)

20 Q. I have marked as 674 a document that is titled
21 at the top "FILE NOTE," and then there are various
22 sections, July 14th, 1967. Is this a document you
23 looked at, Doctor?

24 (Witness reviewing document.)

25 A. Yes.

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1 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Did Exhibit 674 present data or the results of
4 research?

5 A. It describes research, but it doesn't present
6 here firsthand data, no.

7 Q. Does it relate to the issue of dependence --

8 A. No.

9 Q. -- in any way? Let me show you a particular
10 page that bears Bates number 500012137 in Exhibit
11 674. Would you read that page.

12 Did you read that page when you first reviewed
13 the document?

14 (Witness reviewing document.)

15 A. Yes, I -- I recall that.

16 Q. Included on this page is a statement referring
17 to Sir Charles Ellis saying that he had brought out
18 the concept that we, meaning the tobacco company, are
19 a nicotine rather than a tobacco industry. Do you
20 agree with that statement?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Why not?

23 A. Because it's his opinion. I mean first of all
24 again, it is irrelevant to -- to my particular
25 question. It is an opinion of this individual, it is

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1 not a data-driven statement as it is presented. And
2 since -- and then factually since I at many, many
3 occasions in the last two days said that I -- that I
4 considered the role of nicotine to be at best
5 undetermined and more -- a better approximation will
6 be that it -- it plays a relatively minor role in the
7 development of dependence, I can't agree with that --
8 with that statement, but notwithstanding that, this
9 is an opinion that nothing to do with my attempt to
10 evaluate data-driven conclusions, data that was
11 produced by the tobacco industry.

12 Q. Well would you agree with me, sir, that a
13 scientist within a tobacco company is likely to know
14 more about the product and its constituents than you
15 would?

16 A. About the product and its constituents?

17 Q. Yes.

18 A. I would assume that that will depend on who the
19 scientist -- what the scientist does. I mean I
20 assume that there are many -- many scientists there
21 that have nothing to do with actual, you know,
22 determination of constituents and products.

23 Q. Would you agree with me that a scientist within
24 a tobacco company is in a better position to know the
25 actions or effects of the product and its

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1 constituents than you, with all due respect?

2 A. No, I will not agree with that as necessarily
3 true, no.

4 Q. Are there, other than nicotine, substances
5 within cigarettes that are capable of producing the
6 mild dependence that you speak of?

7 MR. NIMS: Objection.

8 Q. Or play a minor role in the development of
9 dependence, to use your term?

10 A. I've not aware of any evidence that that is the
11 case.

12 Q. So as you sit here today you're not able to name
13 for me any substance other than nicotine that may
14 play a minor role in the development of dependence?

15 MR. NIMS: Objection.

16 A. That has -- that -- that I have seen evidence
17 that it plays a role, a minor role in the development
18 of minor dependence; the answer is no, I'm not aware
19 of it.

20 Q. So my statement's correct?

21 A. Your statement is -- yeah, is correct, so long
22 as we say that it's evidence.

23 (Discussion off the stenographic record.)

24 MR. SILBERFELD: Is there something you
25 want to say?

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1 MR. McDONNELL: No.

2 MR. SILBERFELD: You seem to be bristling.

3 MR. McDONNELL: I am.

4 MR. NIMS: He really is.

5 MR. McDONNELL: I am. I take it you're
6 going to turning to the Philip Morris documents now.

7 MR. SILBERFELD: I am.

8 MR. McDONNELL: I'd like to see the
9 documents as you present them to him.

10 MR. SILBERFELD: That's the same stack you
11 gave me.

12 MR. McDONNELL: Fine.

13 MR. SILBERFELD: Thanks.

14 MR. McDONNELL: Sure.

15 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

16 Q. Let me mark as 675 a document entitled
17 DECLARATION OF IAN U-Y-D-E-S-S, Ph.D., February 29,
18 1976. Is this a document you looked at?

19 (Plaintiffs" Exhibit 675 referenced for
20 identification.

21 (Witness reviewing document.)

22 A. I believe so.

23 Q. What assistance, if any, was this document to
24 you?

25 A. None. To me none.

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1 Q. In --

2 A. And again I don't want to repeat myself, in the
3 context of the framework that I imposed on myself and
4 all this, no.

5 Q. What is your understanding as to why you were
6 shown this document at all?

7 A. I have no understanding of why I was shown this
8 document. I was shown it, I read it.

9 Q. Okay. 676 --

10 MR. NIMS: What happened to the 666 --

11 MR. McDONNELL: Cut off?

12 MR. NIMS: Yeah.

13 THE WITNESS: Cut off, yeah.

14 MR. McDONNELL: I didn't see it.

15 MR. SILBERFELD: You came inspired.

16 MR. GALE: Oh, oh.

17 THE WITNESS: Did I contribute to it?

18 MR. SILBERFELD: Absolutely. You were a
19 major contributing factor.

20 BY MR. SILBERFELD:

21 Q. 676 is an excerpt from either a book or a
22 journal entitled "COLD TURKEY IN GREENFIELD, IOWA".
23 Are you familiar with that study.

24 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 676 referenced for
25 identification.)

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- 1 A. Let me just look at that.
- 2 Q. Sure.
- 3 A. Yeah, I'm familiar with this study but I just
- 4 wanted to make sure that we're talking about the same
- 5 thing. Yes.
- 6 Q. What is your understanding of what this study
- 7 hypothesized and proved, if anything?
- 8 A. The -- the background was that there was a city,
- 9 I believe was it Greenfield or --
- 10 Q. Yes.
- 11 A. -- in Iowa that decided in conjunction I think
- 12 with a movie called "Cold Turkey" to -- to quit
- 13 smoking as a -- as a city, as a community project.
- 14 There were a lot of -- all the -- no, I wouldn't say
- 15 all, but a lot of what was considered supportive
- 16 factors were brought to bear on this cessation
- 17 attempt, and after -- and then after periods of time
- 18 I think extending, I'm not 100 percent sure, up to 8
- 19 months, people were followed in terms of the status
- 20 of their cessation and/or non-cessation.
- 21 Q. Was this study meaningful to you at all --
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. -- in terms of dependence?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Why?

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1 A. We have spent a fair amount of time talking
2 about cessation attempts and -- and things like
3 that. I mean just to -- to get numbers of -- of
4 percentages of people that quit or relapsed or this,
5 since I admitted freely that -- that people do
6 relapse when they smoke, in terms of understanding of
7 dependence and the role that -- particularly the role
8 that nicotine plays, I mean that doesn't say one word
9 about that, about -- about this, so I don't find
10 these kinds of surveys of populations meaningful to
11 my understanding of the nature of dependence and/or
12 its mechanisms or anything like that.

13 Q. Does this paper, Exhibit 676, have any bearing
14 at all on your over-arching opinion that anyone and
15 everyone can quit smoking, if they have the will to
16 do so?

17 A. No, I think. --.

18 MR. McDONNELL: Object. Object on
19 foundation ground. You can answer.

20 MR. SILBERFELD: Go ahead.

21 A. Yeah, it confirms exactly what I said, that some
22 people find it fairly easy. Some people -- I mean
23 there's a whole range from people who find it
24 difficult and require more than one attempt to quit
25 and some people don't. I think it confirms that some

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1 -- some people quit, some people did not quit, some
2 people quit and then relapsed and then went back to
3 smoking, it confirms that heterogeneity in -- in the
4 population of smokers attempting to quit.

5 Q. The next document, Dr. Amit, is about four
6 inches thick, but I'm only going to mark the cover
7 page in the interest of the trees in Minnesota.

8 Exhibit 667 is a transcript --

9 A. 677.

10 Q. -- 677 sorry, is a transcript of the hearings
11 of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

12 Do you see that, sir?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. Did you review the entire document, even though
15 we're going to only mark the cover page?

16 A. I can't tell -- I've reviewed, you know, large
17 amounts related to these hearings, but I can't
18 confirm that I have read every page of this because I
19 will have to examine it.

20 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 677 referenced for
21 identification.)

22 Q. Do you recall, see if this refreshes your
23 memory, that within this document are statements of
24 tobacco company executives on various topics, such as
25 whether smoking causes disease?

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- 1 A. Would you tell me names that might --
- 2 Q. Sure. Mr. Sandefur, Mr. Spears, Mr. Tisch,
- 3 among others?
- 4 A. No, I don't. Yeah, yeah, sorry, sorry, sorry,
- 5 I've mixed it with the -- yeah, I've looked at that.
- 6 Q. In this document -- does that refresh your
- 7 memory as to whether you've read this?
- 8 A. Again, yeah, I've said before, I've read -- from
- 9 the cover, I can tell you that I've read a fair
- 10 amount related to -- to these hearings, but again,
- 11 you will agree with me that it still doesn't allow me
- 12 to say that I read every page in this pile, but if we
- 13 can settle on that I've read this -- you know, some
- 14 of this material, then we are in agreement.
- 15 Q. Did you at any time in reviewing this document,
- 16 either in whole or in part, compare the public
- 17 statements of the tobacco company executives that are
- 18 mentioned here, some of them I mentioned to you, and
- 19 the statements and positions found within the
- 20 companies' internal documents?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Is that something you intend to do?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Would you expect that, consistent with the
- 25 truth, the public statements and the internal

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1 documents' statements should be the same?

2 MR. NIMS: Objection.

3 Q. Is that something you'd expect?

4 A. Expect that people would be consistent in their

5 -- in their -- in their position or statements so --

6 but -- so the answer to that on a general basis is

7 yes, but that's about as far as I can go with it.

8 Q. And that's about as far as I can go with it.

9 Thank you, Doctor?

10 A. Thank you. Here's --

11 MR. McDONNELL: Can we take a minute and

12 talk about whether you want to do any follow up?

13 MR. NIMS: I don't.

14 MR. McDONNELL: I'd like to talk, talk to

15 you for a minute.

16 (Recess from 11:46 to 11:48 a.m.)

17 EXAMINATION

18 BY MR. NIMS:

19 Q. Dr. Amit, I have just one question because those

20 of us listening think there may be some confusion in

21 the record on -- on what you said.

22 Do you believe that cocaine has a definite

23 withdrawal syndrome?

24 A. No.

25 MR. NIMS: That's it.

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1 MR. McDONNELL: That's it.

2 (The proceedings were in recess at 11:49
3 a.m.)

4 (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 659-677, inclusive,
5 were marked for identification at the close of the
6 deposition.)

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